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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

HQ FILE: 100-50869

SECTION 8



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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February 5, 1957

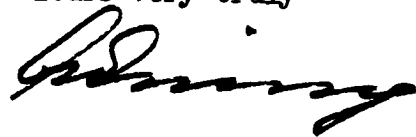
Statistical & Publications Div.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to our outstanding Purchase Orders for 1956, we found out that we did not receive an invoice from you on Purchase Order Number 857 dated August 1, 1956.

Will you please send us your invoice for same provided you have shipped the goods. Otherwise let us know as soon as possible when we may expect them.

Yours very truly



E. Welsing
Business Office

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February 12, 1957

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100-50869-291
Mr. E. Weising
Business Office
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the United States of America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weising:

This will acknowledge your letter of
February 5, 1957, about your purchase order number
857 dated August 1, 1956.

Please be advised that this Bureau makes
no charge for the printed material which it has
available for public distribution.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Main file 100-50869 on this organization reflects
no information about referenced purchase order. Bufile
100-50869 reflects that no data has ever been developed
by the Bureau indicating any communist or subversive
activities on the part of persons affiliated with this
organization. (Inquiry was confined to contacts with
informants by the New York office in 1950.)

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Feb. 22, 1957

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your recent commendation.

Recently I have read reports of Communism being widespread among the leaders of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. That in 1935 the U. S. Naval Intelligence Agency charged the Federal Council of Churches as with one of the largest and most influential subversive organizations in the U. S.

My church (United Presbyterian) is a member of the National Council of Churches and makes me a member, even though I had no choice in the matter, and in any small way I support it. I very definitely do not want to support a Communist front organization.

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EX-122

MAR 5 1957

ENCLOSURE

Will you please tell me truthfully when the National Council of Churches

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2/ It is now in regard to Communism?
I especially want to know the standing

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and [REDACTED] of our own
theological seminary.

I know the church and state are
separate and I believe they should be.
I also believe Communism should be
rooted out and exposed regardless of
where they are. If they are in the
National and World Councils they should
be exposed so that innocent people
won't be supporting them.

I read recently that Communism in
the U.S. is putting on a respectable front.
Is there anything more respectable than
a church?

According to West Philadelphia Communism
chief aim is to dominate the world.
He also said you have to denounce G.D.
before you can be a good Communist.

How else could they undermine the
Christians faith in God? They are doing
it by deceitfully preaching the doctrine

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March 4, 1957

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 22, 1957, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your congratulations.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: On the basis of information available, correspondent was not identifiable in Bufiles. Correspondent submitted self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being utilized in return. Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this data came from rival church groups. An investigation confined to contacts with informants of the New York Office, in 1950, reflected that no data was developed indicating any communist or subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with this group. (100-50869)

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[Redacted]

Feb 28, 1957

Dear Sir;

I teach a Sunday School Class in the Church of the Brethren and I made the statement that the National Council of Churches is controlled by Communism.

X

Our Pastor

[Redacted]

gave

me a calling card that this statement is false.

Could you please send me some Documents to prove that the National C. of C. is controlled by Communism?

If any charge please let me know.

[Redacted]

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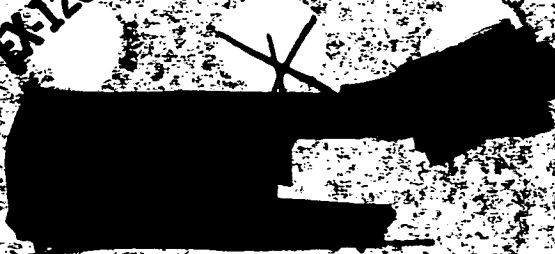
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March 8, 1957

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1957, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of this Bureau is confidential and available for official use only. I know that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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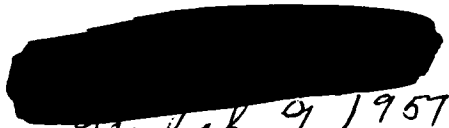
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March 9 1957

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking for some time how I could find out about some of the reports of Communism in our Church. And someone told me to write this office. Where can I get a list of those known Communist in our Church?

Let rec. 3/14/57 JTA

And I would like to know is the national council of Church & Communist organization or its leaders. For I want know part of them Communist. And I don't want to tell some one else

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so they will get mixed up
with them. For I am
Sunday school Supt. and
Elder of our church. And
there are some that have ask
me at different times. thing
that I would to give a answer
that was right. If you can't
help me can you tell me
where I can find out

I thank you

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March 14, 1957

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 9, 1957, has been received and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation, data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Furthermore, I must point out that this Bureau has never compiled a list such as you requested, since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency which does not issue evaluations or clearances of organizations, individuals or publications.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Kansas City (Information) (See note page two)

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NOTE SAC, KANSAS CITY:

Bufiles negative re correspondent.

Correspondent requests "list of those known Communist in our Churches." Also, he would like to know "is the National Council of Church a Communist organization or its leaders."

For your information, Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this data came from rival church groups. An investigation confined to contacts with informants in the New York Office in 1950 reflects that no data was developed indicating any communist or subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with this group.
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

FBI

RECEIVED-MAIL

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March 18 1957

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

In-Re: Request Information:

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In so far as is possible, will you discuss with us the connection between the Methodist church and the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People. Are the funds raised on Race Relations Day in this branch of the church delegated in any way to this organization; does the General Conference allocate any portion of other funds to this connection without the consent of individual church; do you feel clergy, through influence National Council of Churches, speedily leading membership toward integration, and in your opinion, is there a way by which an individual church may withdraw from the Council and retain holdings or do we have to continue supporting it with our funds and approval and thereby live our lives by its mandates?

We thank you for your kindness.

Yours very truly,



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Handwritten:
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3-25-57
G. F. H.

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My [REDACTED]

received. Your letter of March 18, 1957, has been

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,
Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: On the basis of information available, correspondent was not identifiable in Bufiles.

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M. G. [signature]

[signature]

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June 20th 1957

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Washington D.C.

Federal Council of Churches
Gentlemen:

The statement has been made here in public that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (the predecessor of the Council of Churches) was listed by the F. B. I. as a subversive organization. I am writing to inquire whether there is any truth in this statement. If there is I shall hang my head in shame if not I shall refute the statement.

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June 19, 1957

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 10, 1957, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

For your information, this Bureau has never prepared any list of subversive organizations. Current copies of the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 may be obtained by directing a request to the Department of Justice, Attention: Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 11, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the first place, let me express my appreciation to you, both for the service that you are rendering our country, and for your conviction in regard to the importance of Sunday school attendance and Christianity in general.

In the second place, could you give me some light on the question of Communism? As you possibly know, Southern Baptists are not affiliated with any of the Councils of Churches, whether they be National Council or International Council of Christian Churches. All along, however, we are hearing from the International Council of Christian Churches, which has Dr. Carl McIntire as president, just how Communistic all other groups are, and especially the National Council of Churches. I have been told from several sources that the group of ministers that came over from Russia a year ago were all Communists and were being used by the Communist Party. The names of these are as follows: Ilya Ivanov, Alexander Karev, Nikolai Levindanto, Klaudia Tyrtova, and Jakov Zhidkov.

Thank you again for the service that you are rendering. Our people are interested in fighting Communism and we prefer to get the facts before we move. We feel that you are the best source of information on this subject.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

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P.S. Do you have any information on the above named individuals?

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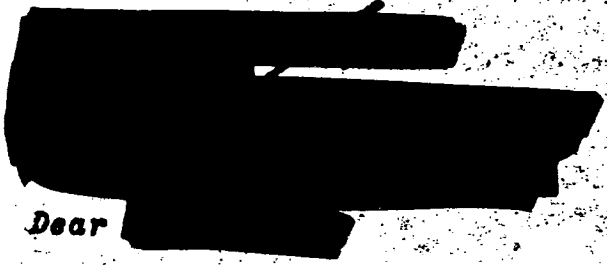
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June 20, 1957

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Dear

Your letter dated June 11, 1957, has been received and I appreciate the kind comments which you made.

While I would like to be of service to you, information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or do not have the information you requested.

As of possible interest and assistance to you, I am enclosing three pamphlets on communism.

In the event you acquire specific information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our San Diego Office located at 716 San Diego Trust Savings Bank Building, San Diego 1, California.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - San Diego (Enclosure - copy of incoming) (See note page 2)
(See note on yellow, page 2)

Mail Room 67 JUN 20 1957

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NOTE SAC, SAN DIEGO:

Correspondent requested information re possible communist infiltration of National Council of Churches. Also desired information on five Soviet ministers who visited United States in 1956. No record correspondent in Bufiles.

For your information Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this data came from rival church groups. Investigation, confined to contacts with informants in New York Office in 1950 reflects that no data was developed indicating any subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with this group. (100-50869)

Bureau aware of visit of Soviet ministers in June, 1956, who have since left U. S.

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

Information received regarding visit of Soviet ministers was disseminated to interested Government agencies. (105-46691) Pamphlets sent correspondent are "How Communists Operate," "Breaking The Communist Spell," and "The Communists Are After Our Minds."

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Aug. 27, 1957.

Dear Mr. Hoover, NY 8-1
Can you give me the
F.B.I. report on the National
Council of Churches?
Yours very truly,

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[REDACTED]

① National Council of Churches

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September 6, 1957

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 27, 1957, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 12, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MISS LENA ESTELLE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
122 MARYLAND AVENUE, NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON 2, D. C.

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By referral from the Director's office this morning, SA Heim, Crime Records Section, interviewed captioned individual. She presented a mailing list of approximately 300 individuals belonging to various organizations. She desired to know if there were any subversive organizations included in the list. She was advised that the FBI does not cite organizations and does not have charge of the list of subversive organizations. For this information, she was referred to Room 2732, Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. She was grateful for this information.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

cc - Mr. Holloman

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Oct. 29 1957

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Having read part of a speech you made at the American Legion Convention in our daily paper by George E. Sokolsky so I wanted to ask you a question hoping you will answer. You said certain organizations dedicate their efforts to oppose the very concepts of Security. Could one of these be the National Council of Churches. I belong to a Methodist Church which of course belongs to the N. C. C. and I feel if I can get an answer from you it will be first hand and the truth I dont want to belong to something that is working against our Security. I have read where the Communist are gaining more thro the churches than any other place. Isnt this an awful thing. My Mind has been so tormented by these things I have heard Thanking you for all you have done for our Nation and I hope you continue to do the things that are right and not be a compromiser. I would be so grateful to have an answer.

A true blooded American
A Bible Christian

/s/

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Oct. 29 1957

J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Sir

Having read part of a
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The American Legion
Convention in our daily
paper by George E. Sokalsky
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Could one of these be
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of course belongs to the
N.C.C., and I feel if I could

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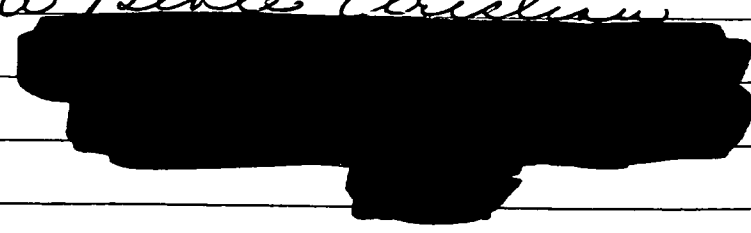
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A true blooded American
A Bible Christian

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November 4, 1957

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 29, 1957, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind message concerning my administration of the activities of the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to answer your inquiry since information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know you will understand the reasons for these

rules.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[Redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. 100-57
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir -

Am Writing to you about
a matter that is of great importance
to me since I am Chairman for
National Defense in the [Redacted]

[Redacted] Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution

It concerns the report that
the United Council of Churches
was organized and headed by
Communists. 100-50869-301

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I have to give a talk on
this subject and surely want
authentic information and
know of no better place to
obtain same F.B.I.

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I shall be deeply grateful

INFORMATION CONTAINED

NATIONAL COMMISSION OF ...

to you for any or all the
information you can send
me.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Digest of Current Communist Activities

A veteran fronter has been elected president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. The triennial general assembly of the National Council, meeting in St. Louis, yesterday chose the Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg to head the organization for the next three years.

Mr. Dahlberg, a St. Louis Baptist pastor, was formerly president of the American Baptist Convention. His support of Communist causes extends over a period of 15 years.

In April 1942, Mr. Dahlberg was affiliated with the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, an organization cited as "Communist and subversive" by the Attorney General of the United States. Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, USA, was then serving a prison sentence for perjury in connection with his possession of a false passport.

Under date of April 22, 1943, Mr. Dahlberg joined a group of Communist frontiers in signing an open letter to President Roosevelt protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist.

According to a letterhead of the organization dated March 26, 1946, Edwin T. Dahlberg was a sponsor of the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism. Various Jewish groups warned that the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism was a Communist-front organization.

A few years ago, while the Yugoslav Communist line of Tito was still a satellite of the Soviet Union, a group of American clergymen was invited to that country with all expenses paid by the Communist government. At least five of the seven clergymen who

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comprised the delegation which visited Yugoslavia were known members of the Communist Party or veteran collaborators with Communism in the United States. They were: Claude Williams, William Howard Melish, Guy Emery Shipler, Emory Bucke, and Phillips Packer Elliott. Claude Williams and William Howard Melish were members of the Communist Party. The delegation brought back a report which was a complete whitewash of the Tito Communist regime. This report was printed and distributed under the sponsorship of a group of Protestant clergymen which included Edwin T. Dahlberg.

According to the Communist Party newspaper, The Worker, July 24, 1949, Edwin T. Dahlberg was one of the organizers of the Washington Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. This gathering launched the Communist-front organization which was known as the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Under date of January 19, 1951, an open letter was addressed to Congress by the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act. Mr. Dahlberg was listed as an initiating sponsor of this organization. The McCarran Act whose repeal was sought by this Communist-front organization was the Internal Security Act of 1950. According to the Daily Worker, July 9, 1952, Mr. Dahlberg signed an open letter to the Republican and Democratic parties under the auspices of the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act. Again, according to the Daily Worker, July 27, 1953, Mr. Dahlberg signed an open letter to President Eisenhower under the auspices of the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Acts. It should be noted that the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 was added to the Internal Security Act of 1950 as one of the measures whose repeal was sought in an

extensive propaganda campaign of the Communist Party and this particular front organization.

The most active Communist-front organization of the present is known as the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. According to this organization's publication of August 1957, Edwin T. Dahlberg was a signer of an appeal on behalf of the Communist espionage agent, Morton Sobell, who is now serving a 30-year prison term in Alcatraz for his part in the Rosenberg espionage case.

Mr. Dahlberg's record of collaboration with the Communist apparatus places him among the leading Communist fronters who are clergymen. In choosing Mr. Dahlberg to head the organization for the next three years, the National Council of Churches has followed the precedents of the old Federal Council of Churches which numbered among its presidents such well known Communist fronters as the late Bishop Francis J. McConnell and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

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Local, state, national and international political and sociological programs of the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches seem to exceed other denominational efforts during 1957.

For that reason it is important to emphasize that leadership people of the National Council of Churches and leaders of NAACP are closely interlocked and are both using local churches, denominational programs, Sunday school papers, and other church literature for propaganda purposes. Martin Luther King was one of the four principal speakers scheduled at the current Tri-annual Meeting of the National Council of Churches.

Of the 162 names connected with the 1957 letterhead of NAACP (front and back), 83 are names of individuals with Communist affiliations.

The Committee of 100 of NAACP has 89 members. 70 of these 89, including Methodist leaders, have records of Communist affiliation.

We are not discussing sociology, we are talking only about subversion and the exploitation of church facilities. During 1957 the greatest effort in subversion in the United States is in the race field with the religious exploitation feature as the glaringly outstanding phenomenon.

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NCC Vice President

Church Council Elects C. P. Taft

By TIMES-STAR Wire Services

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December 24, 1957

Mr. Tolson: ✓

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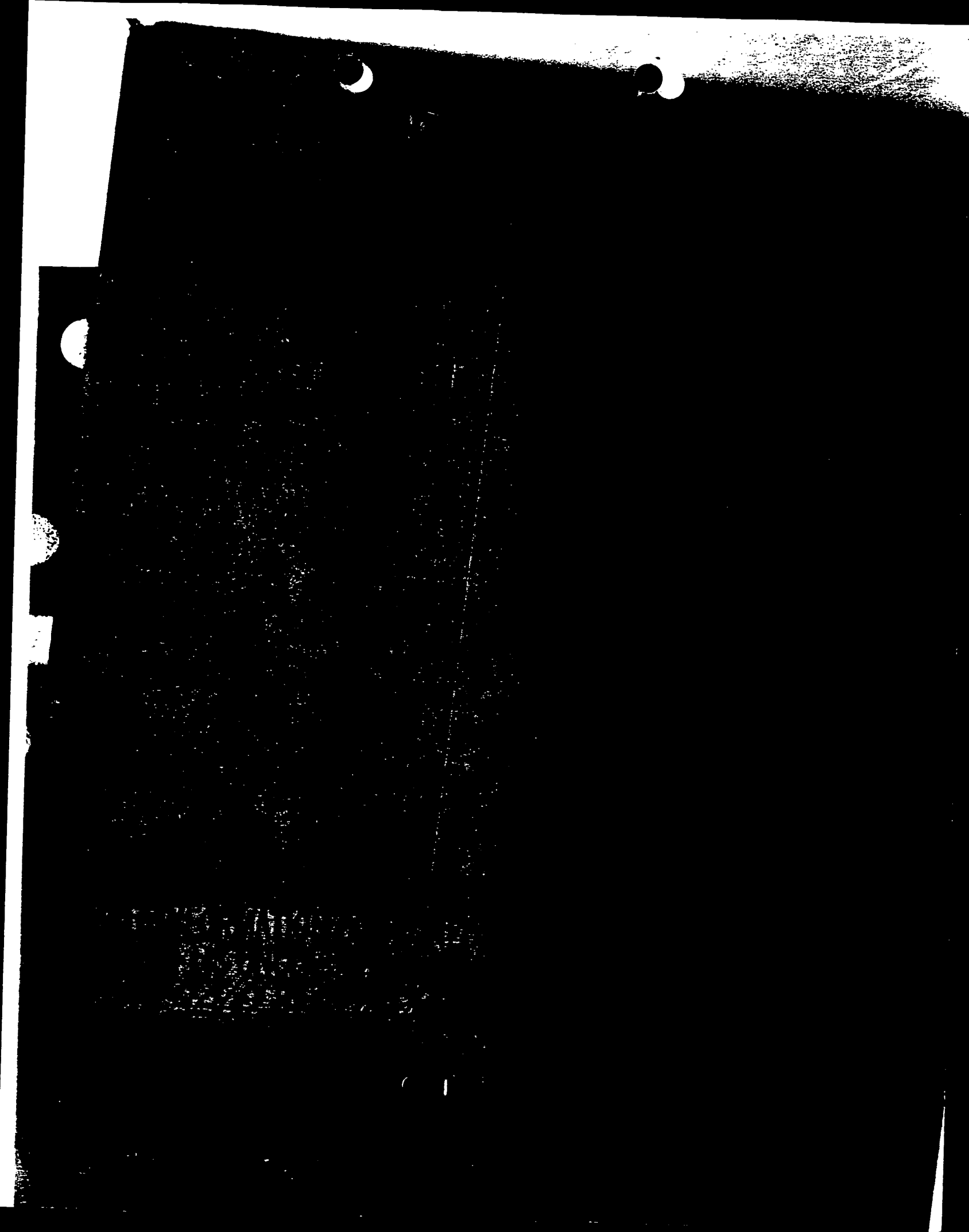
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NATO Meetings?

is directed by Supreme Commander...
 ...and the over-...
 ...the United States...
 ...the primary answer...
 ...challenges in military technology...
 ...Dutch Premier, Willem...
 ...indicated cautious agree-...
 ...Holland will accept...
 ...provide basis. Britain...
 ...has agreed to do this...
 ...presumably will go...
 ...And Turkey is expected...
 ...operate. But those who...
 ...at Paris on opening day...
 ...different song...
 ...Kornad Ad-...
 ...talked mostly of the need...
 ...study of the Russian...
 ...proposals - Bulgarian's...
 ...letters to NATO leaders...
 ...Gallard, still smart-...
 ...the Tunisian arms...
 ...only questioned the...
 ...proposals but the...
 ...attitude toward the...
 ...the...
 ...not...
 ...military...
 ...Eisner Gerhardsen of...
 ...was the most outspoken...
 ...In effect, he refused to...
 ...missiles and warheads on...
 ...land soil, suggesting the...
 ...question he deferred in...
 ...a greater effort to deal...
 ...the Soviet Union on dis-...
 ...tant and other issues...
 ...British Prime Minister as...
 ...himself with this po-...
 ...those who were not pre-...
 ...to turn down the IRBM...
 ...recently shifted the empha-...
 ...war preparations to...
 ...sity and urged serious at-...
 ...for the Bulgarian pro-...
 ...That included Prime...
 ...Harold Macmillan of...
 ...United Kingdom...
 ...his represents a serious...
 ...understanding. It traces...
 ...the dramatic events of...
 ...particular era. Americans...
 ...shocked to realize that...
 ...nations had moved ahead...
 ...United States in the...
 ...of tomorrow. They...
 ...used that this gave Rus-...
 ...important new advantage...
 ...ance to negotiate from...
 ...knew—it was said often...
 ...—that thoughtful Euro-...
 ...were becoming disillusion-...
 ...about American leader-...
 ...and apprehensive about

...Through one...
 ...one hard to explain...
 ...adjoining room...
 ...and fervor pervades...
 ...seems carefully. Just...
 ...Hard core men

American intelligence...
 ...Russia. There were many...
 ...demands made among our allies...
 ...that the alliance be reworked...
 ...to give the continental members...
 ...greater influence in policy-...
 ...making.

ALL THIS WAS in the...
 ...second. A new sort of equilibrium...
 ...was being created. It called for...
 ...a revivification of the alliance, and...
 ...for a new approach to a Russia...
 ...that no longer had to negotiate...
 ...from manifest inferiority.

Yet the President and the...
 ...Secretary of State went to...
 ...Paris with no fresh idea or...
 ...proposal, save the purely military...
 ...and quite provocative one of...
 ...stockpiling nuclear warheads...
 ...and 1500-mile ballistic missiles...
 ...on the perimeter of Russia.

Meanwhile the Russians, who...
 ...were more entitled to rattle the...
 ...saber, did nothing of the sort...
 ...Sensing far better than Messrs...
 ...Eisenhower and Dulles the tenor...
 ...of West Europe, they fired...
 ...off belated offers—spiral, parabolic...
 ...reasonable plans for...
 ...negotiation and conciliation. With...
 ...these disarming notes, keyed to...
 ...the mood of a disillusioned...
 ...Europe, Bulgaria torpedoed the...
 ...Eisenhower - Dulles campaign...
 ...for a tougher, uncompromising...
 ...NATO relying on weapons, not...
 ...diplomacy.

Already there are signs that...
 ...Mr. Dulles will eat his words—...
 ...his refusal on opening day to...
 ...approve any new dealings with...
 ...the Russians. By this shift of...
 ...basic policy, the United States...
 ...may be able to salvage the...
 ...conference and the alliance. But...
 ...the golden moment for a reas-...
 ...sertion of American leadership...
 ...has passed. Instead of sensing...
 ...the problem and meeting it at...
 ...the outset, the Americans had...
 ...to be persuaded by their allies...
 ...that the times have changed.

READERS' VIEWS

'Out-Sputniked'

...it seems we have been...
 ...out-sputniked again. But...
 ...this time we did it to ourselves...
 ...What kind of "advertising...
 ...department" do we have. A...
 ...step-by-step chronology of our...
 ...failures. Who knows but what...
 ...Russia may have had five, ten...
 ...perhaps twenty failures before...
 ...they ever got No. 1 out in...
 ...space. Yet, we have to bally-...
 ...hoo our first failure, all over...
 ...the world, and one can only...
 ...imagine the propaganda Rus-...
 ...sia is making of it...
 ...So, let Russia get the first...
 ...satellite in space. We weathered...
 ...the surprise, but let's...
 ...don't make fools of ourselves...
 ...by rushing headlong into a...
 ...smash program, wasting all...
 ...kinds of money, and producing...
 ...nothing but failures. Let's

New Head Of National

WASHINGTON, The Na-...
 ...tional Council of Churches of...
 ...Christ in the U. S. A. came...
 ...into being in January of 1955...
 ...as a free-riding operation of...
 ...the old Federal Council of...
 ...Churches, which had become...
 ...generously assisted by the...
 ...pink break.

The idea was to attain...
 ...some new respectability, al-...
 ...though this rationale was not...
 ...the professed reason.

In convention in St. Louis...
 ...some 2000 delegates have just...
 ...elected 64-year-old Rev. Ed-...
 ...win T. Dahlberg, pastor of...
 ...the Dehmer Baptist Church of...
 ...that city, to be president for...
 ...the next three years.

THIS SUGGESTS that the...
 ...reorganization was not enough...
 ...The wheels are back in the...
 ...old rut.

The Rev. Mr. Dahlberg is a...
 ...handsome and personable man...
 ...He is a fervent preacher, with...
 ...certain...
 ...that are reminiscent of the...
 ...late Sen. George Norris' black...
 ...ribbon tie and Borah's Non-...
 ...like mane.

He makes a great deal of his...
 ...practice of spending one night a...
 ...year alone, under the open...
 ...skies, devoting himself to self-...
 ...examination and prayer. This...
 ...is all well and good, but the...
 ...once-a-year schedule seems to...
 ...add a note of the superficial. He...
 ...describes one of these occasions...
 ...at Green Lake, Wis., as follows:

"About 9 o'clock I got a boat...
 ...and rowed out about 200 yards...
 ...put the oars in the boat and...
 ...didn't touch them until sunrise.

"AT DAWN, I was two miles...
 ...out, due to the deep currents...
 ...of the lake. This has always...
 ...been a parable to me: There...
 ...are times when we need to...
 ...pull on the oars with all our...
 ...might, but there are other...
 ...times when we need to let our...
 ...oars rest on the bottom of...
 ...the boat while we sit, com-...
 ...pletely relaxed beneath the...
 ...stars of God; and we will...
 ...find that there are deep...
 ...moving tides of the spirit...
 ...carrying us along."

This is lefty rhetoric, but in...
 ...this course of self-examination...
 ...the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg seems to...
 ...have missed a self-examination...
 ...of his associations. They go...
 ...back a long way.

As early as 1942, he was...
 ...affiliated with the "Citizens...
 ...Committee To Free Earl Brow-...
 ...der," an organization cited on...
 ...the Attorney General's list as...
 ..."Communist and subversive."...
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By John Marvin East

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 ...pretty well. Mostly, they are...
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KNOWING THE WORD

T. S. Eliot describes our gen-...
 ...eration as having "knowledge...
 ...of words and ignorance of the...
 ...Word."

Frequently we are amazed...
 ...at the verbal and factual knowl-...
 ...edge of the Bible that some...
 ...folk possess. Some of them...
 ...demonstrate this information...
 ...on radio and television quiz...
 ...programs.

Surely none would deny the...
 ...most thorough acquaintance...
 ...with the incidents contained...
 ...in the Word; but we do know...
 ...that they can be just that: A...
 ...collection of incidents unrelat-...
 ...ed to life about us.

The Master was concerned...
 ...that people truly know the...
 ...Word, but more concerned that...
 ...they know the Word as witness...
 ...to His presence in the...
 ...Word.

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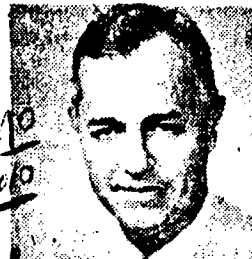
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February 22, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

At a recent public meeting a state officer of the Mississippi Citizen's Council, in the course of a speech, and by means of some literature passed out to the group, said in effect two things: (1) The National Council of Churches is a subversive and communistic organization, and (2) the offices of FBI and Attorney General were given as source of proof.

I am a Methodist minister in a rural Mississippi community. One who has always considered himself a good American. In World War II as well as the Korean Conflict, I was in uniform as an enlisted man. It is most difficult for me to sit back and hear such charges as was made at the above mentioned meeting, and allow them to go unchallenged.

You would render a great service to me personally, and to my community if you would write me giving: (1) Your general opinion of the National Council of Churches, (2) the importance you place on the co-operative role of the Churches in meeting the needs of the people, and (3) the un-American and communistic activities and attitudes of both the National Council of Churches and the Council of Mississippi.

This information would greatly help in getting the support our Churches need in this area, and also in curbing the activities of a group which could prove very dangerous indeed.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and thanking you in advance for any help, I am

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Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of February 22, 1958, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am acknowledging it for him. You may be sure he will appreciate your interest in writing, and I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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TO : MR. TOLSON *3/11*

DATE: March 7, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE *gan*

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Attached hereto is some material relating to the National Council of Churches which was forwarded to me by ~~Mr. E. Lowman~~ of the Circuit Riders in Cincinnati. The material needs no acknowledgment and it is thought it might be of interest to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Belmont

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The statements of Natl Council of Churches -
are very interesting.

March 5, 1958

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Dear [REDACTED] NY

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In compliance with your suggestion the following reply is offered for your consideration:

[REDACTED] confirms my earlier impression that funds made available to the National Council of Churches by me would, in effect, be spent to fight the very concepts of religion and patriotic loyalty to the U.S. which I have long fought to protect and preserve. There are many of us who had hoped the 1950 reorganization of the Federal Council of Churches into the National Council of Churches would have been an ideological and structural change rather than primarily a change of name and tactics.

I see nothing [REDACTED] which indicates Edwin T. Dahlberg is anybody I want to follow or support, financially or otherwise. What has the freeing of Earl Browder from jail, and the stopping of the deportation proceedings of Harry Bridges got to do with Protestantism or Christianity generally? The whitewash effort to clear Tito when he was at his peak of popularity with Stalin can hardly be called anti-Communism or pro-United States.

If, as you say, the election of Edwin T. Dahlberg was unanimous then I can only reply the unanimity of that action removes any question from my mind regarding the position of the National Council of Churches.

If Edwin T. Dahlberg were to resign today the National Council of Churches would still be inimical to practically everything for which I stand.

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March 5, 1958

I should like to compliment and praise John T. Flynn, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Frank C. Hanighen, "The American Legion Firing Line," and Carl McIntire for their efforts to expose and oppose many, if not all, of the individuals or programs of the National Council of Churches which they have exposed and/or opposed.

The above should suit you as a reply because heretofore our thinking has been in complete parallel on every item upon which we both had the same basic set of facts.

Cordially,

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Mr. A. H. Belmont

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March 10, 1958

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

COLLECTIVISM IN THE CHURCHES

By Edgar C. Bundy

CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

Background

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By memo dated 3/4/58 Mr. Nease advised that Meyer G. Lowman, executive secretary of the Circuit Riders, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, had furnished a copy of the captioned book to the Bureau. Circuit Riders is an organization of Methodist laymen whose purpose is to combat communist infiltration among members of the clergy. Lowman has been in frequent contact with the Bureau since 1953 during which time he has furnished voluminous material concerning communism. (62-89405)

The Author

Edgar C. Bundy is a former Air Force officer who lectures extensively before church and patriotic groups. His lectures deal mainly with communism and he has been consistently critical of the Federal Council of Churches. In 1956, he was a consultant to the Anti-Subversive Commission of the American Legion and in that year he also testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. In 1954, Bundy deliberately misled the Bureau in attempting to obtain a Bureau speaker for a purely political meeting and the Chicago Office was instructed to be most circumspect in future contacts with him.

The Book

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The basic theme of the book is that "Marxian Socialists, under the guise of Christianity, took over the machinery of the major Protestant churches in this country lock, stock, and barrel." Bundy also claims that the National Council of Churches (which, he claims, evolved from the Federal Council of Churches) has developed into an "ecclesiastical octopus" and has become, in effect, "literally a political party operating within the framework of whatever legitimate political party happens to be in power." Bundy asserts that the National Council of Churches claims to speak for all Protestants on a variety of social, political, and economic issues, both national and international, but never submits these issues to the "men and women in the pews" to determine their views. (pp. 99, 201, 45-46, 62)

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Memorandum to Mr. Bell at
Re: Collectivism in the Churches

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Bundy also claims that the National Council of Churches "has captured strategic posts within the United States government." He offers as proof of this claim the fact that Secretary of State Dulles; Harold Stassen, former Special Assistant to the President; Arthur Flemming former Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, and Alger Hiss have all held high positions in the Federal or National Council of Churches. In Bundy's view, the culmination of this "impregnable interlock" between the United States Government and the National Council of Churches was the success of the Council in "ensnaring" President Eisenhower into attending a meeting of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, in 1954, which was also attended by ministers from Czechoslovakia and Hungary. (pp. 63, 64, 82)

Bundy claims that successful communist infiltration into seminaries and theological schools "furnished the Soviet apparatus with a machine which was used as a religious cover for the overall Communist operation ranging from immediate demands to actually furnishing aid in espionage and outright treason." However, the only proof he offers for this sweeping allegation is to cite the communist front affiliations of Dr. Harry Ward, well-known Soviet apologist; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, and various other officials of the Federal and National Council of Churches. This information is documented by Bundy entirely from public source material. (pp. 128-138)

Bundy mentions the Bureau on page 135, describing it as "the private detective agency of the Department of Justice." The Director is mentioned on page 137 as supporting Bundy's view that the communist movement still enjoys considerable support in the United States. Bufile 100-50869 reflects some derogatory information concerning the Federal and National Council of Churches, much of which was received from rival church groups. Investigation, confined to contacts with informants of the New York Office, developed no indication of communist domination. The Bureau followed activities at the meeting of the World Council of Churches, Evanston, Illinois, in 1954.

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OBSERVATIONS:

Bundy's opposition to the Federal and National Council of Churches appears motivated by the fact that the views of these organizations on various issues of national and international interest are at variance with his own. Even Circuit Riders, which is distributing 100 copies of his book, felt it necessary to point out that while the statements in Bundy's book pertaining to the communist front affiliations of the individuals mentioned therein are "correct, in so far as they go... we are not disposed to, nor do we feel qualified to, comment authoritatively upon some of the other phases of this work." Since all of Bundy's information is derived from public sources, it is not felt that any further action is required by the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information. Bundy's book is enclosed for the information of the Internal Security Section.

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NCC Vice President

Church Council Elects C. P. Taft

By TIMES-STAR Wire Services

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati was elected in St. Louis today as one of eight vice presidents-at-large of the National Council of Churches. The Episcopal layman, and until recently Cincinnati's mayor, formerly was president of the National Council's predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches.

Elected to the presidency of the NCC for three years was Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, 64, pastor of Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, a congregation affiliated with both the American (Northern) and Southern Baptist Conventions. Formerly head of the northern Baptist body, he is the first Baptist ever to head the co-operative organization of 30 Protestant and Orthodox denominations.



CHARLES P. TAFT

DR. DAHLBERG'S congregation has been called "a church with a northern accent and southern exposure." As head of the organization that has about 37.5 million members, he succeeds Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Presbyterian (U. S. A.) Church administrative head, Philadelphia. Dr. Dahlberg spends his vacations mountain-climbing in Colorado. Former U. S. defense mobil-

izer Charles E. Wilson, an American Baptist, and New York shipping lines executive, was re-elected the NCC treasurer.

The 2,000 churchmen at the St. Louis meeting took a close, critical look at their own record in race relations. Dean Liston Pope of Yale Divinity School reported that about 10 per cent of the nation's Protestant churches now have interracial congregations.

Edwin T. Dahlberg

(1) Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder -- favored clemency -- letterhead, April 1942

(2) Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell -- signer of appeal -- That Justice Shall Be Done, August 1957, page 2

(3) National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism -- sponsor -- letterhead, March 26, 1946

(4) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act -- initiating sponsor -- open letter to Congress, January 19, 1951

(5) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act -- signer of open letter to Republican and Democratic parties -- Daily Worker, July 9, 1952, page 3

(6) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Acts -- signer of open letter to President Eisenhower -- Daily Worker, July 27, 1953, page 8

(7) Open Letter to President Roosevelt Protesting Deportation Order Against Harry R. Bridges -- signer -- letter, April 22, 1943

(8) Statement Endorsing Publication and Distribution of the Report of Seven Clergymen Who Visited Yugoslavia -- sponsor and signer -- press release, October 31, 1947

(9) Washington Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact -- organizer of -- Worker, July 24, 1949, page 11

* CRITICISM OF THE SOCIALISTIC, PRO-COMMUNISTIC, COLLECTIVIST, AND OTHER UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD, CAUSED THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO LOSE SUPPORT. THE NEW NAME WAS ADOPTED IN 1950.

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March 8, 1958

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

There has recently come to the attention of this Session accusations that the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are communistic, or led by communistically inclined men.

We are very anxious to settle this very vital question in order to have peace within the church. Is it at all possible for you to secure information as to the correctness of these charges, and the names of any of the leadership in these organizations that might be included among subversive organizations, as published by the Committee investigating Un American Activities.

Any information that you might give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 8, 1958, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Since this Bureau has conducted no investigation of the organizations mentioned in your letter, I am unable to furnish you any information concerning them.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE TO SAC, MIAMI:

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NOTE TO MIAMI. CONTINUED

The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. It is governed by an assembly of approximately 600 delegates representing member churches. The last assembly was held in Evanston, Illinois, in 1954.

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Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches later incorporated into the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. However, much of this information came from rival church groups. An investigation confined to contacts with informants in the New York Office in 1950 reflects no data was developed indicating any communist or subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with this group. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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Correspondent is the minister of the [redacted]. He states accusations have recently come to his attention that the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches "are communistic, or led by communistically inclined men." He requests information as to the correctness of these accusations and the names of the leadership of these organizations that might be included among subversive organizations.

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CHAMBERS OF
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March 14, 1958

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a letter addressed to Mrs. Johnson from our friend, Miss Edith E. Lowry, National Director of Migrant Ministry, of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, which is self-explanatory.

I am sure that you are familiar with the fine, nationwide work this organization is doing, especially in its program of assisting migrants throughout the country. Mrs. Johnson has been closely associated with this work since we came to New York, and I have therefore had the privilege of listening to some of the outstanding speakers in years past at their annual National Migrant Committee luncheon held at the Waldorf in the fall of each year. It is an outstanding event and is attended by influential representatives of the organization from practically every State in the Union.

You will note from the enclosed letter that the National Director is anxious that you be the main speaker at the next annual meeting and that you speak on the all-important subject of juvenile delinquency, on which you are the nation's foremost authority. Because Miss Lowry does not know you personally, at Mrs. Johnson's suggestion I have been given the honor of approaching you on the matter. These fine ladies are very anxious that you accept the invitation and for that reason desire to extend it several months in advance so that you can make your plans. I do hope that it will be possible for you to accept, and I know that you will have not only an appreciative audience, but also the most worthy and influential that it could be possible to get together in the entire country. Although the letter does not say so, I feel safe in saying that I am sure this organization would pay your expenses to New York and return.

Sincerely your friend,

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PS. Congratulations on your new book! Assuming that you have an extra one lying around, if you will autograph it to me and send it to me, I would be gratified to put it in my library along with many other autographed books of distinguished Americans, and if you will advise me the price of your book, I will be delighted to send you my check for same.

J. J.

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in the United States of America

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March 12, 1958

Mrs. Jed Johnson
2 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

It was so good to have you at our Special Events Committee meeting yesterday and I am so glad that you feel that Mr. Johnson would be willing to approach J. Edgar Hoover to urge him to accept an invitation to speak at our National Migrant Committee Luncheon at the Waldorf on November 20, 1958.

Because of Mr. Hoover's special interest and competence in the field of juvenile delinquency, we would like to have him speak on the factors that lie back of juvenile delinquency with special reference to the migrant agricultural worker and his family. We would also like to have him tell us what he thinks the churches could do to help most effectively in this situation. Of course, Mr. Hoover would be the chief speaker.

It is the thought of the Committee that Mrs. Monica B. Owen, who works on the field constantly with our staff in the migrant camps, speak briefly on what is being done through the Migrant Ministry which represents the cooperative effort of the Protestant churches in this field. This Luncheon is a significant occasion because it draws together leaders of the Protestant churches throughout the metropolitan area as well as the national Protestant leaders associated with the National Council of Churches and the national denominational bodies. Also representatives of the federal and state governments always are at this Luncheon because of the very close working relationship that we have with them at all levels.

We would expect Mr. Hoover to speak from thirty to forty minutes as he would be the major program feature.

I hope you will express to your husband the deep gratitude of our Committee for helping us in this approach to Mr. Hoover.

Very sincerely yours,

Edith E. Lowry

Edith E. Lowry
National Director

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... with Miss Edith E. Lowry, ... Council of North America, Inc., ... in connection with invitations for the

Honorable Jed Johnson
Judge
United States Customs Court
201 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

My dear Judge:

I have received your letter of March 14, 1958, enclosing Miss Edith E. Lowry's letter to Mrs. Johnson dated March 12, 1958, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me in this regard is truly appreciated.

It would indeed be a pleasure for me to accept this kind invitation to speak at the National Migrant Committee Luncheon to be held in New York City on November 20, 1958, especially in view of your kind interest. The heavy pressure of my official duties, however, with the resulting uncertainty of my schedule, will not permit me to make a commitment that far in the future. I do wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness, and I hope you will convey to Miss Lowry and her associates my sincere regrets.

Thank you for your congratulations on my new book. While I do not have a supply of copies on hand, I will be very glad to autograph a copy of the book to you if you will forward it to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - New York, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Files reflect cordial correspondence with Judge Johnson periodically since 1945.



...-34105) Director declined an invitation to appear 11-18-53 at a special luncheon of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States.

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Honorable Jed Johnson

NOTE: (Continued)

Files reflect cordial correspondence with Miss Edith E. Lowry, Executive Secretary, Home Missions Council of North America, Inc., from 1938 to 1945, largely in connection with invitations for the Director to speak. (94-1-8787)

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

March 24

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Dear Mr Hoover.

Here are clippings from

The Lutheran. What is this
National Council of Churches? is it

"Communism"? I am a member of

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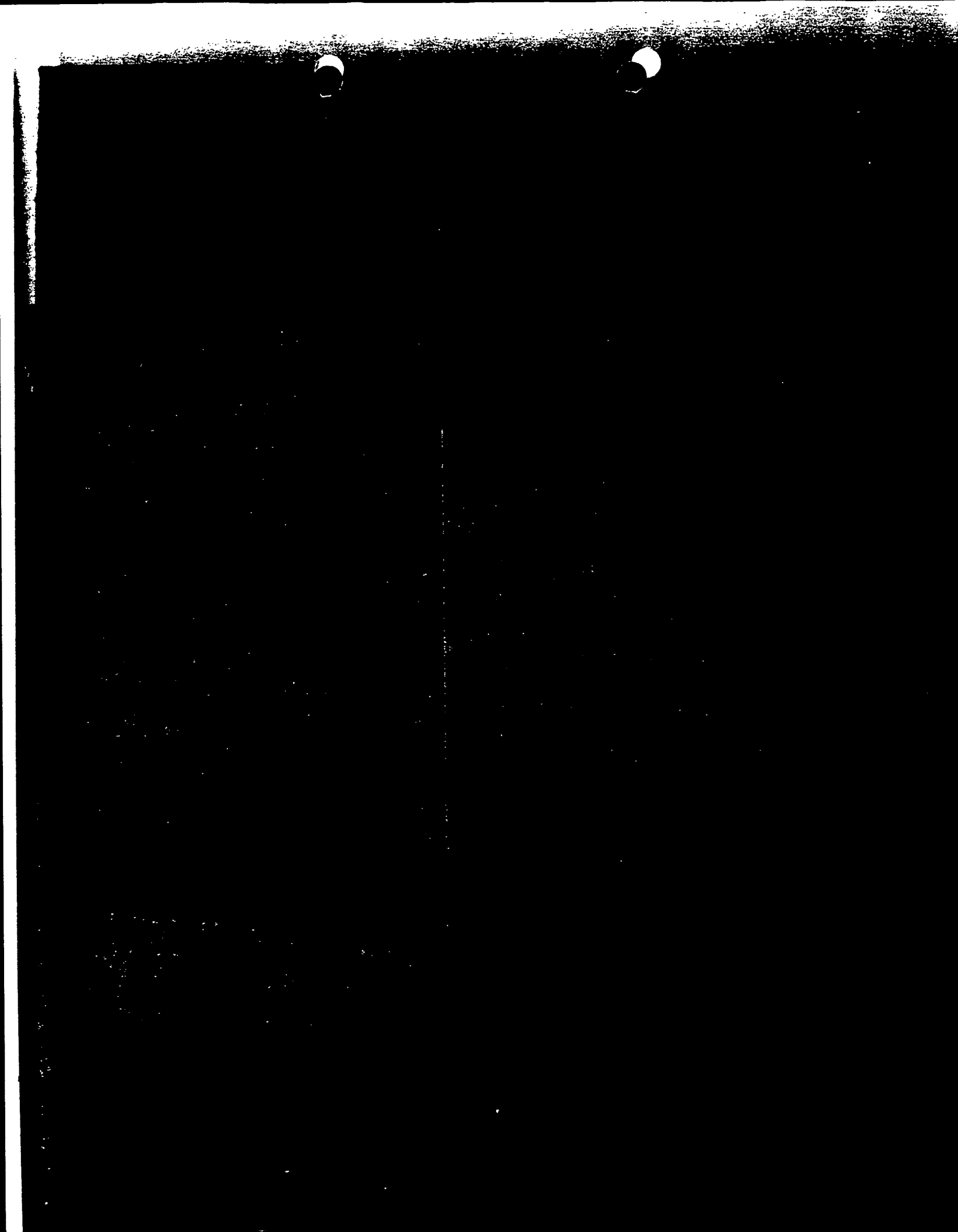
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Action Taken On Lutheran Merger Plan

CHICAGO, March 22 (AP) — Representatives of four Lutheran Church bodies took steps here to broaden their merger plans to include all Lutheran groups in the United States.

The 46-man Lutheran Unity Commission extended an invitation to the other 12 Lutheran groups to join a "more comprehensive organic union."

Represented in the commission are the United Lutheran Church in America, the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Proposals similar to that suggested here were rejected recently when the National Lutheran council met in Atlantic City, N.J. The majority of Lutheran groups are council members, and three of them outside the present discussions are expected to complete their own organic union by 1960.

During its three-day meeting, the commission approved plans for the church's proposed theological seminaries, and decided to ban pastors from belonging to secret orders. These actions removed major merger obstacles, commission spokesmen said.

The four-way merger would create a single three-million member church.

The commission plans to reconvene in Chicago Nov. 6-8.

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ENCLOSURE

Relief again goes to Polish Lutherans . . . Northern bishops repeat plea for church freedom in Hungary . . . Questions value of bowling alleys in churches . . . U.S. foreign aid program gets support from church leaders

THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Poland to get LWR aid

Seven years ago Lutheran World Relief halted shipments of food and clothing to Poland. The Red regime had prevented free distribution of such supplies by the land's churches, relief officials said.

This month Bernard A. Confer, LWR executive secretary, announced that a "more relaxed attitude" on the part of the Polish government made it possible for the agency to resume aid to Poland's Lutherans. An estimated 200,000 Lutherans remain in Poland, he said, a decrease of one million since 1939. Their numbers continue to dwindle, but 400 congregations are still served by 106 pastors.

A shipment of 25 tons of clothing will be made in the near future, Mr. Confer revealed. Distribution will be made through the Polish Ecumenical Council, co-operative organization of Protestant and Old Catholic churches.

Announcement of the resumption of Polish relief followed the annual meeting of the inter-Lutheran agency's board of directors. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church and of the Lutheran World Federation, was re-elected LWR president.

Help for South Africans

Another Lutheran arm extended in a different direction this month. Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, said funds for pastors and building programs had

been pledged to Lutheran groups in the Union of South Africa.

The aid will be used to establish English and Afrikaans-speaking congregations. The first pastor will be sent to Welkom in the Free State this month. Other congregations are planned later for Durban and Johannesburg, Dr. Lund-Quist said. Pastors will be sent from Germany, Norway or Sweden, but plans include future training for clergy at a South African seminary, he said.

Second plea sent to Hungary

Primates of the four Scandinavian Lutheran State churches (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland) had in January sent a joint letter to Janos Horvath, president of Hungary's State Office for Church Affairs. In it they expressed concern over restrictions on Hungary's Lutheran Church, especially the ousting of Bishop Zoltan Turoczy in its northern district and the demotion of Bishop Lajos Ordass, who had been head of the church. State appointee Lajos Veto had replaced Bishop Turoczy and had been recognized by the state as the leader of the entire church.

In reply, Mr. Horvath had called church affairs an internal concern of Hungary, but expressed the opinion that conditions had "in recent weeks" improved.

On Feb. 21 the northern churchmen sent a second letter to the Hungarian official. Unity of the church demanded that they speak out when basic Christian



OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Charles C. Parlin, vice chairman of General Board; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president; and Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, as they led sessions of the 250-member policy-making group in New York in first meeting since General Assembly last fall

treatment," the statement said. "They are especially in need of pastoral care and the divine love which the church can bring to them." Alcoholism is a serious threat to health and happiness as well as a source of instability in families and communities, the pronouncement said.

Although 175 members attended the meeting, the vote on the statement was 75 for, two against, and three abstaining.

Clean bargaining urged

"Both employers and employees" have the right to organize for collective bargaining, the board's labor pronouncement said. It reported that "employer-employee collusion in matters of prices and trade practices" has brought about abuses in labor-management relations and urged both groups to show a "compelling sense of responsibility for the public interest." Faithful observance of agreements and peaceful settlement of differences were asked.

Another resolution strongly supported U.S. economic aid and reciprocal foreign trade policies "in the light of our Chris-

tian obligation to care for our neighbors throughout the world."

Africa's doors may close

The chance for expansion of Christian work in Africa may soon come to an end, Dr. Roy G. Ross, NCC general secretary, told the board. Observations during his recent tour of Africa revealed that growing nationalism made African nations eager to terminate their dependence on western missions and missionaries, he said. They still wanted help in their educational and literacy programs, he added.

Splinter divisions of Christianity in Africa were a "cause for apprehension," Dr. Ross continued. He said that in South Africa alone more than 1,000 separate groups call themselves Christian. With literacy programs enabling millions of African natives to read, he urged the churches to strengthen their educational and evangelistic work while the opportunity still remained.

The board decided to advance the date of the next General Assembly to Dec. 4-9, 1960, to avoid a conflict with

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the meeting of the World Council of Churches now scheduled for December, 1961. Most of the NCC's member churches also belong to the World Council. The NCC Assembly will be held in San Francisco.

Says Lutherans are changing

The Lutheran Church in America is "in a state of ferment" and is "bristling with new ideas with which to adorn an unchanging faith," an article in *Look* by Hartzell Spence declares.

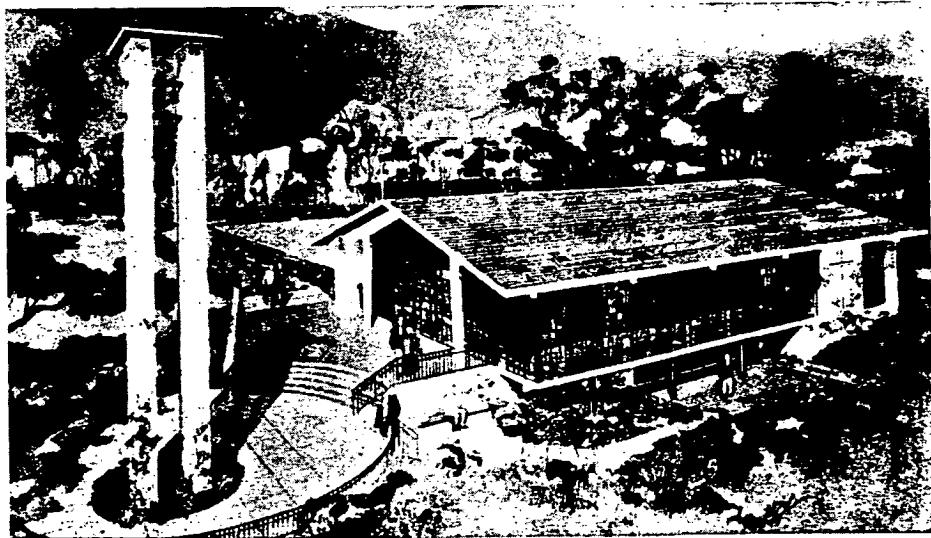
Citing current Lutheran mergers and referring to the intensive evangelism program carried on during the past few years, Mr. Spence continues, "The entire denomination has come alive, as though it suddenly decided to make good President Theodore Roosevelt's 53-year-old prophecy that Lutheranism is destined to become one of the two or three greatest churches in the United States."

The article, in the April 1 issue of the

magazine, includes pictures of Dr. Fry and of the historic Trappe Church, near Philadelphia. Unswerving emphasis on the "New Testament Gospel and on the thesis that man is naturally sinful, constantly in need of God's forgiving grace" plus brisk up-to-the-minute methods of evangelism have been responsible for U.S. Lutheranism's gain of 1,716,592 members between 1946 and 1956, Mr. Spence says.

Merger documents revised

Conventions of the three churches planning to unite in 1960 into the American Lutheran Church will this year be required to act on 250 additions, deletions and amendments to the constitution, by-laws and articles of union of the new church. The American, Evangelical and United Evangelical churches will be asked to rubberstamp the changes, since further alterations would require more action by the other bodies.



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Cate School Chapel, Carpinteria, Calif., won top 1958 honors from church architects



NUCLEAR SCIENTIST-PASTOR
Dr. Harold R. Lohr

that body's Manpower Commission suggested at a Chicago meeting. Noting that the shortage of pastors is likely to get worse before it gets better, the commission asked district presidents to study the proposal. It noted also that an increasing number of pastors is being called into general work, adding to the shortage in congregational pulpits.

A "definite need" for general and specialized training of laymen to fill new positions for full-time church work was stressed by the commission. It recommended that the church's seminaries provide "opportunities for lay training in addition to the present program of theological training."

"If the shortage of pastors makes us utilize our lay people, history may interpret this shortage as providential," said Dr. A. C. Schumacher of Madison, Wisconsin, commission chairman.

Atom scientist to be pastor

A nuclear scientist who once paid little heed to religion will become a Lutheran pastor in June. Dr. Harold R. Lohr, former research specialist for the Atomic Energy Commission, will be ordained by the Augustana Church at Jamestown, N. Y., on June 22 after graduation from the seminary at Rock Island, Illinois.

The 38-year-old scientist "wasn't much concerned about any church relationship" in 1950 when an evangelism visitor from Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange, Illinois, called at his home. The visitor was a Ph.D. in chemistry. His approach appealed to the Lohrs, who joined the church one year later. Dr. Lohr became a Sunday school teacher, usher, and a member of the church council.

Asked to address the congregation one Sunday on how Christ can change a man's life, Dr. Lohr used as an illustration the experience of Dr. O. V. Anderson, nuclear physicist at Oak Ridge who became an Episcopal priest. "I saw the parallel in my own situation," he said. "I learned that a man could use his mind in religion and that there was room in the church for one who asks questions."

Church asks Cuban peace

The Cuban regime of Dictator Fulgencio Batista has been disrupted by a rebel group led by Fidel Castro which holds the eastern end of the island. Beside intermittent fighting which has disrupted the island's economy, the rebels have recently filtered into the capital city of Havana. They have showed their power by kidnapping the favored driver in a popular auto race, destroying the checks in the reserve bank, burning of sugar warehouses and similar pranks.

Early this month the Roman Catholic

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hierarchy on the island called for free elections and establishment of a "government of national union." The declaration caught the Batista regime by surprise and foiled a later presidential order that it be not printed or broadcast.

Spokesmen for the Castro rebels said they did not want any "ecclesiastical interference" in Cuban politics. Batista declared that he would remain in office regardless of any elections. However, the Revolutionary Directorate (one of the groups aiding rebel activity), civic and labor organizations heartily endorsed Cardinal Arteaga's views. Only Batista's resignation could bring about a peaceful solution, the Directorate said, adding, "Our fervent desire is that God and Jesus Christ will illumine the despot and make him understand that only by this path can a new spilling of Cuban blood be prevented."

Tolerance seen gaining

Tolerance is gaining in the world today, both toward specific religions and toward agnostics and atheists, a United Nations commission believes. A Study on Discrimination in the Matter of Religious Rights and Practices has been issued by a subcommittee of the UN Commission on Human Rights. The study, prepared by Arcot Krishnaswami of India, a Hindu, noted that state interference in the observance of religion is the greatest source of discrimination today. Avowed purpose of the commission is to eradicate religious discrimination throughout the world.

The report, based on information gathered from 30 nations, urges five freedoms in religion—to maintain religion, to change religion, to manifest religion, to disseminate religion, and to associate with



PAVILION AT BRUSSELS

Protestant building at 1958 International Exposition (left) with the fair's atom symbol visible in the center background

fellow-believers. Instances of discrimination noted include treatment of conscientious objectors to war, lack of legal recognition for some religious marriage ceremonies, religious processions on public highways, and taxation of religious property, among many others. No religion or country is specifically named.

Only major objection to the study came from the Soviet Union's committee member, who opposed the clause that "certain philosophies of new ruling classes in certain countries of the world affect the religious freedom not only of the minority but also of the majority."

And so forth

Enrollment in Roman Catholic parochial schools in the District of Columbia doubled in the last ten years. Total for January, 1958, was 46,868 compared with 22,762 at the same time in 1948.

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exactly the same amount as they had in 1956—when returns were 106 per cent of the quota—the church's total fell about \$13,000 short of the \$1,595,985 asking. In percentage, contributions reached 99.14 per cent of the 1957 goal.

LWA funds are used to provide for the international emergency programs of the National Lutheran Council and Lutheran World Federation. Included are service to refugees, help for younger churches in mission areas, service to military personnel, and various relief programs.

Hungary Reds reward church

With Communist - approved leaders again in high church posts, relations between Hungary's Lutheran Church and the regime of Premier Janos Kadar have been "normalized," Janos Horvath, head of the State Office for Church Affairs, said last month. As a sign of this "normalcy" Presiding Bishop Lajos Veto, who had been put into office by the Reds in December, pledged that the church would recognize "the divinely ordained supreme authority" of the state. The government thereupon agreed not to put into effect a threatened 25 per cent cut in the church's funds.

Similar fund cuts for Roman Catholic, Reformed and Jewish churches had also been revoked when they promised to support the Red regime. The Lutheran Church, Hungary's third largest with 500,000 members, was last to fall into line.

Veto pledges loyalty

The pledge said, "The church recognizes the revolutionary workers' and peasants' government and its divinely ordained supreme authority and will educate believers in a spirit of obedience toward the state's supremacy." It assured support of efforts to "build socialism" and

urged "peaceful co-existence" between the church and the Communist regime. It also condemned "all efforts, both within and without, to disturb the country's inner peace."

Signers were Bishop Veto; Erno Mihalyfi, government-appointed general inspector of the church, and Horvath. Notably missing from the document was the name of Bishop Lajos Ordass, who still heads the church's southern district.

In Vienna, Lutheran spokesmen for the Austrian Church scoffed at the document as a "deal imposed on the church and signed by the Communist collaborators." They said it "does not express the views of the Lutheran faithful in Hungary."

Veto, presiding bishop of the church during the Stalinist regime of Matyas Rakosi, was put back into office by the Red regime in December. He replaced Bishop Zoltan Turoczy, a former Red prisoner, who had three times been elected to office by church conventions. The Hungarian government also chose to recognize Veto as presiding bishop in place of Bishop Ordass.

Ordass faces new attack

Pressure against Bishop Ordass appeared to be building up as his activities continued under close government scrutiny. Further changes in the leadership of the southern diocese might be needed for a "good relationship between church and state," the Jan. 19 issue of *Evangélikus Elet*, Hungarian church paper, reported. The paper announced that requests from the church had led the government to withdraw special commissioner Karoly Grenak from the northern diocese of Bishop Veto, but that he would continue to supervise the work of Bishop Ordass in the southern diocese.

A Budapest daily last month charged Bishop Ordass with making "anti-Com-

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munist addresses after his return from a visit to the United States." Bishop Ordass had been keynote speaker at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Minneapolis. He was elected vice president of the LWF, a post he had also held in 1948 prior to his eight years of imprisonment and house arrest under previous Hungarian Communist regimes.

Churches aid UN program

It may never have happened before. A Protestant church organization has loaned a government agency \$100,000.

Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches, made the advance last month to the United Nations Refugee Fund. The money will be used to help resettle some of the White Russians who had been bottled up in Communist China or Manchuria since the Red revolution 40 years ago. About 1,200 will be resettled immediately in Australia or Brazil.

Dr. Wilson said speed was required for the group now stranded in Hong Kong. The UN group had exhausted its resources and required the loan to tide over its program "until participating governments are able to appropriate the necessary money," Dr. Wilson explained. The loan is repayable in nine months.

More than 10,000 of the Russians have been resettled through the efforts of religious or intergovernmental agencies during recent years. Beside the group now in Hong Kong, about 11,000 are still in Red China. Of these, 3,500 have exit permits but cannot be brought into Hong Kong until the White Russians now in the overcrowded British colony are moved out.

The World Council of Churches will "intensify its efforts" to aid 750,000 Chinese refugees now in Hong Kong, the UN was told by Dr. Elfan Rees, WCC



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leges came under fire from Dr. Henry J. Whiting, secretary of the NLC Welfare Division. Such emphasis "may in the long run seriously jeopardize the very qualities we seek to protect," he said. "In a world that is in danger of losing its soul" students require a "well-balanced educational program to give them the strength, stability and creativity needed for the solution of human problems."



RILLING TO BE CHAPLAIN

Dr. John W. Rilling, pastor of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, will be chaplain of the 1958 ULCA convention at Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 8-15. Announcement of the Minnesota pastor's appointment was made this month by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president.

Former president of the Board of Parish Education, Dr. Rilling is now on the Executive Board. In 1951 and 1952 he was preacher for the nationwide Sunday Vespers broadcast on the ABC network. A native of Ohio, Dr. Rilling served parishes in Versailles, Lakewood and Springfield until called to Minneapolis in 1945.

Elected for third term

Dr. Reinartz, ULC secretary since 1947, was returned to office for his third one-year term as NLC president. Also re-elected were Dr. Norman A. Menter of the American Lutheran Church as vice president; Dr. Raymond Olson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as secretary; and Mr. Fred C. Eggerstedt, ULC layman, as treasurer.

Called to head the council's Division of Public Relations was the Rev. Philip A. Johnson, Augustana pastor who has served interracial Salem Church in Chicago since 1949. In the same division, Miss Betty Barth of Indianapolis was named to direct radio and TV work. She now heads the radio and TV program for Indianapolis public schools.

In other fields, the council:

—Adopted a strongly worded statement calling on all churches to open their doors to people of all races. Excluding persons because of color, culture, class or caste is a "sin against God and man," it said.

—Heard a plan for "roving service pastors" to minister to isolated military units in outpost positions.

—Learned that the film *Martin Luther* had been widely distributed abroad and was now released for general television use.

—Was told that its member bodies had established a record 160 new mission congregations in 1957. United Lutherans led with 75.

Chides American fears

The cold war struggle with Russia "determines . . . our belief and thinking" to an appalling extent, Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the theological faculty at the University of Chicago and a United Lutheran churchman, told a Chicago conference of clergymen this month. He said it was

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New address in Philadelphia

After a week of moving and getting settled, most United Lutheran Church boards and agencies in Philadelphia were comfortably quartered this month in the new building constructed by the Board of Publication at 2900 Queen Lane, in the Germantown section. It will be known as the Muhlenberg Building—the same name as that of the former headquarters at 1228 Spruce Street in Philadelphia's center city.

Dedication ceremonies took place on Monday, March 10, in the chapel of the new structure. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULC president, preached. The service was conducted by Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, ULC secretary. Dr. H. Torrey Walker, executive secretary of the Publication Board, read the lessons.

Carillon music played as the dedicatory procession moved across the large circle in front of the main entrance. At the door, keys to the building were presented to Fred Konemann of Washington, Publication Board president.

A "radial hemicycle"

The new Muhlenberg Building is arc-shaped with four extending wings—architecturally a "radial hemicycle." It contains 160,000 square feet of office and storage space—approximately twice that of the former building. It is situated on a 16-acre plot. About 350 staff members and employees of the boards and agencies will be working in the building, which is

owned and will be operated by the Board of Publication.

Beside the Board of Publication, offices now in the building include those of the boards of Parish Education and Deaconess Work, United Lutheran Church Women, Luther League of America, and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, as well as the editorial offices of THE LUTHERAN. The Board of Pensions will move its offices to the Queen Lane address in late spring.

NCC warns on alcohol

Policy statements on collective bargaining, economic aid to foreign lands, and problems of alcoholism were adopted by the 250-member General Board, policy-making arm of the National Council of Churches, as it met in New York on Feb. 26. Presiding was Dr. Edwin Dahlberg of St. Louis, who had been elected president at the NCC General Assembly last fall. Charles C. Parlin, Methodist layman and New York attorney, was chosen vice chairman of the General Board.

The pronouncement on "The Churches and Alcohol" resulted from a two-year study by a 15-member committee chaired by Dr. Harold C. Letts, United Lutheran churchman. The statement acknowledged differences of conviction on the use of alcoholic beverages among the NCC's 34 member communions. It advocated pastoral care, education, and development of clinics to aid alcoholics. They need "diagnosis, understanding, guidance and

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Council tables Reinartz plea

The president's report at the annual meetings of the National Lutheran Council usually doesn't get much attention. Commissioners at this month's Atlantic City session felt that Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz's plea for all-Lutheran union was an exception that demanded some reply. They set a precedent in naming a special committee to study it.

With seven of the eight member bodies well advanced on two separate roads to merger, commissioners were in no mood to "sabotage" these efforts. With little dissent, they approved the committee's decision that the Reinartz proposal was "constitutionally outside the competence" of the council. The committee recommended that the president's suggestion should be "received and spread on the minutes as an expression of conscientious convictions to which we have listened with respect and attention."

All-Lutheran meeting planned

Though organic union may be distant, world conditions make it urgent for Lutherans to strengthen their co-operative efforts, Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director, told the commissioners. The council adopted his proposal to call a meeting of representatives of all 16 U.S. Lutheran bodies to discuss present and future programs "in the light of contemporary ecclesiastical and international developments."

This kind of discussion can be carried on without compromise of doctrinal prin-

ciples, Dr. Empie declared. He called the church's "visible disunity paraded before the world" a major hindrance to its effective witness. The meeting would consider whether the pattern of Lutheran co-operation in the U.S. provides "an adequate means for meeting to the utmost our responsibilities in witnessing to the Gospel," he said. The "changing picture" because of mergers, the increasing role of the Lutheran World Federation, and the need for effective co-ordination with other Protestant churches could also be considered, he suggested.

Largest group outside the council is the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which works with the council in ministry to military personnel, overseas relief and refugee projects.

Colleges called pagan

"A new era of pagan religiosity" is arising among college students, according to Dr. Donald R. Heiges, head of the council's Division of College and University Work.

Students are no longer "searching for the answers to ultimate questions," he asserted. "Crowding our campuses now are hundreds of thousands of students who have no questions, or whose questions move only on the plane of a lucrative career and comfortable family life." To meet this pagan challenge, Christian witness by students, professors and administrators is increasingly necessary, he claimed.

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COVER PICTURE. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry installs into office as president of Georgia-Alabama Synod Dr. Raymond D. Wood. At left is Dr. W. H. Lefstead, synod statistician; at right is the Rev. Dermon A. Sox, synod secretary. Service was held Jan. 27 at Ascension Church, Savannah.
 February 26, 1958

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Ordass misses meeting

The first vice president was absent as officers of the Lutheran World Federation met last month at Frankfurt, Germany. Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary, who was recently deposed from his position as head of the Hungarian Lutheran Church by a decree of the Communist government, did not attend. Bishop Ordass was reported to have retained his place as head of the church's Southern District, although Bishop Zoltan Turoczy of the Northern District was replaced by Bishop Lajos Veto, a supporter of the Red regime. The government recognizes Bishop Veto as head of the entire church.

LWF officers and West German newspapers expressed fears that the Communist government had prevented the bishop from leaving Hungary. The Budapest radio took notice of the reports, saying that Bishop Ordass had never applied for an exit visa and that "anxiety about his whereabouts expressed at Frankfurt was unfounded."

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran president and also head of the LWF, presided at the Frankfurt meeting.

Peter gets high state post

Dr. Janos Peter, ousted former bishop of the Hungarian Reformed Church, has been named first deputy foreign minister of Hungary, the Budapest radio reported. A controversial figure in Hungary's church life since he was placed in office by the Reds in 1949, Dr. Peter was a delegate to the United Nations last year.

In 1956 the Reformed Church demanded Peter's resignation as bishop. He was called the "worst kind of Stalinist" and accused of being a Red agent and an "informer" against his fellow clergymen in Hungary. During his hectic seven-year tenure as bishop, Dr. Peter had represented Hungary's churches at meetings of the World Council of Churches and at Communist-sponsored gatherings in Europe and Asia.

Emperor thanks American churches

A U.S. churchman had an unusual hour-long audience with Emperor Hirohito of Japan last month. The emperor received Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service, the relief agency of the National Council of Churches, in order to express his thanks to the American churches for aid given Japan since the end of World War II.

The Japanese ruler also praised American church efforts to aid Japanese emigrants who have settled in Brazil. He commended such people-to-people contacts as the "surest hope" for promoting understanding among the nations.

Japan's Health and Welfare Minister Kenso Horiki also expressed gratitude for the aid given by American churches. "I feel confident that Christianity is an essential factor in the relief of human needs," he was quoted as saying.

Overseas programs lauded

Americans are not only interested in exploring outer space, but are "exploring

World Council group to meet with Russians . . . Report new Red attacks on churches in East Germany . . . Hungarian official says church-state relations improve . . . Liberia offers support for ULC mission hospital

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Russians accept bid

Representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church will meet with officials of the World Council of Churches in Denmark this summer, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry announced to the WCC's executive committee in London this month. Dr. Fry is chairman of the executive committee and also of the Central Committee, governing body of the WCC.

The meeting will be "in the nature of a first exploratory consultation to exchange information and get acquainted," the United Lutheran president explained. "We have looked forward for two years to this new opportunity to discover ways in which fellowship in Christ may be shared by those who profess him even in the midst of drastically differing historical situations."

Co-operation sought

No momentous decisions could be expected from the Denmark meeting, Dr. Fry added. Discussion would center on "ways in which the churches can co-operate and help one another more effectively to witness to Christ and serve freedom, justice and peace in the world."

The Orthodox Church and other Russian church bodies are not members of the world body. Conversations between WCC leaders and officials of the Moscow Patriarchate had been scheduled for Paris in January, 1957, but were delayed at the Russians' request. Contact with Russian churches was established several years ago when a delegation from the

National Council of Churches of the U.S.A. visited the Soviet Union. The visit was later returned by a Russian group.

Reds harass churches

Protestant churches in eastern Europe are finding the going "more and more difficult," Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the WCC, told the London meeting. In East Germany the situation was "very discouraging," he reported. Red officials have cut off contact between the zone's churchmen and those outside, he said. Political accusations have jailed several pastors who have refused to give wholehearted support to Communist programs.

The Hungarian Lutheran Church is being subjected to increasing pressure at the hands of a Communist government, Dr. Visser 't Hooft continued. He stressed especially the plight of Bishop Lajos Ordass, vice president of the Lutheran World Federation and a onetime member of the WCC Central Committee, who had been forced to give up his office as presiding bishop of the church. Dr. Ordass reportedly had been permitted to continue as bishop of the church's southern district, however.

Assembly may be postponed

Actions of the executive committee included a recommendation to the Central Committee which will meet in Denmark in August that the next regular WCC Assembly be postponed until Christmas,

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U.S. CHURCHMEN AT WORLD COUNCIL MEETING IN LONDON
Top: Dean Liston Pope of Yale, Dr. Fry, Dr. O. F. Nolde of Philadelphia
Below: Dr. E. C. Blake, Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

1961. It is now scheduled for Ceylon in 1960. The delay would allow more time for completion of merger plans with the International Missionary Council.

The committee also voiced concern over the "tragically inadequate response" of governments in support of United Nations Relief and Works Agency programs. The failure would lead to "human suffering" and "disastrous political repercussions," the committee warned.

Hungarian says things are better

Concern over Hungarian Communist pressure upon the Lutheran Church and especially upon its leader, Bishop Ordass, led the Lutheran primates of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland to ad-

dress a protest to the Hungarian government. Although speaking for the world's Lutherans, the message was signed by the Scandinavian leaders since they would be most likely to get a reply. Signers were Bishop Yngve Brilioth of Stockholm, Bishop Johannes Smemo of Oslo, Bishop Hans Fugelsang-Damgaard of Copenhagen, and Archbishop Ilmari Johannes Salomies of Turku.

In reply, Janos Horvath, head of the State Office for Church Affairs in Hungary, said relations between the Red government and the Lutheran church have "considerably improved" in the last few weeks. Failure of "certain leaders" to "conform" to an agreement between the church and the government had caused

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the situation to "deteriorate temporarily," Mr. Horvath said. He failed to make any mention of Bishop Ordass, whose deposition from the top spot in the Hungarian church followed his reported reluctance to okay all government policies.

The Communist official characterized the Scandinavians' letter as "interference," saying that "anything that happens within the Lutheran Church of Hungary is the internal affair of the church and of our country."

German opposition stiffens

Communist Party members in East Germany should sever their connections with the church and prevent their children from taking part in religious ceremonies, the Red organ *Neuer Weg* demanded last month. At the same time, the central committee of the East German Communist party urged a close check on all clergymen to make sure they were supporting the government's "peace policy." Party members were told to report promptly any "deviations" from Red ideology noticed at church services or other religious gatherings.

Protests continued against the harsh

sentence meted out to the Rev. Siegfried Schmutzler, Protestant chaplain at Leipzig University, who got a five-year jail term for alleged "counter-revolutionary activities." Student groups and church councils asked East German President Wilhelm Pieck to re-examine the case. Meanwhile, Pastor Schmutzler was reported being held in isolation at the jail for political prisoners at Torgau.

Seven Protestant students at Weimar University, charged with collaborating with Student Pastor Martin Giersch who is now serving a 14-month sentence for "slander" against the East German government, were this month given prison term of from seven to nine months.

Mixed marriages reported

Six per cent of the married couples in the United States have different religious faiths, the Census Bureau estimated as the result of its sampling last year of U.S. religious affiliation. The test revealed that 96 per cent of all Americans consider themselves associated with some religion. About 79 million are Protestant, 30 million Roman Catholic, and four million Jews (see chart).

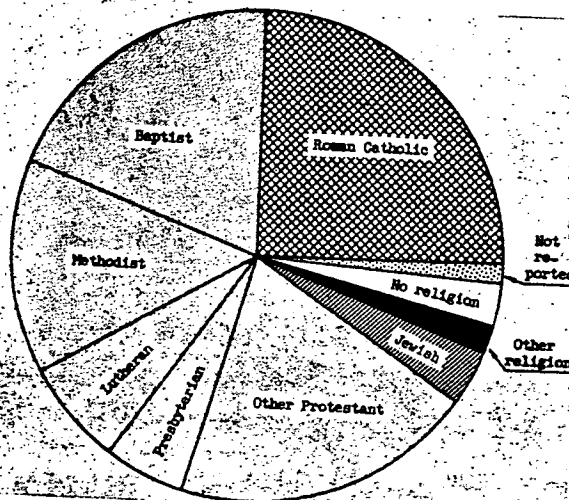


Chart shows proportionate membership of U.S. religious bodies. Census Bureau survey showed that 96 per cent of population claimed church affiliation. Thirty million said they were Roman Catholic, 79 million Protestant. Lutherans were third largest Protestant group

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated March 24, 1958, with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI has never investigated the National Council of Churches. Accordingly, I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Street address cannot be clarified by a check of the Phoenix telephone directory. Correspondent's enclosures are clippings of various articles from the magazine "The Lutheran" and one of them mentions that a delegation from the National Council of Churches of the U. S. A. had visited the Soviet Union, which visit was later returned by a Russian group.

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April 23, 1958

Dept to Investigate
Un-American Activities,
F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to get some information on both the American Council of Christian Churches and the National Council of Churches.

Enclosed is a brochure put out by the American council. Kindly look at it and tell me if their claims are true and if so what percent (approximately) might be exaggerated.

Our church is talking of joining the National Council and we need all the information we can get. Of course we want nothing to do with Communism but we also need verification or refutation of the claims of the enclosed leaflet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 23, 1958, with enclosure, has been received.

For your information, the FBI has not investigated the American Council of Christian Churches or the National Council of Churches, and I am unable to answer your inquiry.

In connection with the brochure you forwarded, you might be interested in the fact that the statement attributed to me therein is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives. I am enclosing your pamphlet, together with a copy of my statement just described, for what interest it may be to you. The excerpt quoted appears on page twelve, and I know that you will realize when you read the passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director

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HCUA statement by Director, 3/26/47
pamphlet enclosed by correspondent

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a copy of the pamphlet, "How Red is the National/Federal Council of Churches?" distributed by the American Council of Christian Churches. It contains a statement of the Director's, "I confess to a real apprehension; so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." This pamphlet has been brought frequently to the Bureau's attention, and no copy is necessary for retention in Bufiles.

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May 15, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir - I am President

of the [Redacted] of our town - elected
at [Redacted] of January 1958. This
group is affiliated with
the National Council
of Churches of Christ in
United States of America
for their World Day of
Prayer Program. Since
being elected President

of this group I have learn-
ed that the National
Council was formerly the
Federal Council of Churches
and is Communistic.

I am also District Presi-
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I cannot do it just from pamphlets.

I am a Baptist and the group are Presbyterians, Methodists, Assembly of God, Episcopalians and Nazarenes. So you see I must have absolute proof that the National Council is Communist and I must have it by May 28 in order to present it May 29.

Will you send me, just one sentence saying that they are - or are not - Communist and send it immediately, please?

Sincerely,

P.S. I would also like to know who the originators are

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 8, 1958, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that this Bureau has not investigated the National Council of Churches of Christ, and as our files contain no information regarding who originated Teen-Town, I am unable to be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Inquiry with established contacts by the New York Office in 1950 revealed that the National Council of Churches of Christ in America had not been infiltrated by communists or engaged in subversive activities. Considerable derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches which later became the National Council of Churches was developed, but most of this data came from rival and competitive church groups.

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May 5, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

At a recent evangelistic meeting in a local Regular Baptist Church the speaker, D. M. Fruits of Kansas City, made several statements about communism in our churches. He stated that the National Council of Churches was "modernistic, communistic, anti-Christian, anti-American in every way". He further stated that "every Methodist member was signed up with communists". He said that through the National Council of Churches Methodists were "supporting the communist program since there are 7500 communists in pulpits in the United States and they are propagating the communist doctrine".

I would be very much interested in any information you could give which would support or refute these charges. They have certainly caused a stir in our community and I believe that we need the answers. If there is a government document giving the names of communist pastors please tell me how I might obtain a copy.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 5, 1958, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise that the function of this Bureau as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations of individuals, organizations or publications. Furnishing information of the type you have requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the persons and organization you mentioned; therefore, I am unable to answer your inquiry.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have in our files the information you desire.

Enclosed are some publications on the general subject of communism which you might like to read. If you desire a list of organizations cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's statement 3/26/47
Struggle on a New Plane
Communist "New Look"

Where do we stand today with Communism in the US
God and Country or Communism?

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[REDACTED] inquiring as to whether the
Federal Council of Churches is communistic. Bufile 100-413026-11x is an
inquiry from an Evangelical minister in [REDACTED] dated
9/5/55 stating that Fruits had lectured there and had stated that six of the
translators of the Revised Holy Bible were known communists. Files
confidential reply sent.

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Apr. 1, 1958.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a leaflet that was given to me. I would like to verify the statements made by it.

Is the National Council of Churches, communistic?

Is the American Council of Christian Laymen communistic?

I would appreciate any proof that you could give to me.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 1, 1958, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest prompting your writing, I must inform you that the FBI has not investigated either the National Council of Churches or the American Council of Christian Laymen, and I am unable to comment along the lines of your inquiry.

I want to take this occasion to point out that the statement attributed to me in the publication you forwarded is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives. I am enclosing a copy of this statement for what interest it may be to you. The excerpt quoted appears on page 12, and I know that you will realize when you read this passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination. Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent's enclosure was a copy of "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" disseminated by the American Council of Christian Laymen. It quotes the Director as saying "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

This quotation was used out of context to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive, and much controversy among Christian laymen has resulted from this publication. Verne P. Kaub, President of the American Council of Christian Laymen has written caustic letters to the Director relative to the use of the above quotation by his group. (94-1-14921; 94-37868-37 and 62-100432)

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July 15, 1958

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: :

I am a member of a committee whose responsibility it is to get facts regarding the National Council of Churches.

The church to which I belong supports it. The Daughters of the American Revolution, in which organization I also hold membership, opposes "the political, economic and socialistic one-world activities of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. as destructive of the basic Christian principles upon which the Church was founded and urges its members to recognize the doctrine of collectivism as a very real menace to the survival of our Christian Church."

Is this organization worthy of the support of local congregations?

I will appreciate whatever information is available.

Very truly yours,
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 15, 1958, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that the FBI has not investigated the National Council of Churches, and I am unable to furnish you information concerning this group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 29, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Baumgardner

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hesitate to write because I know very well that the pressures of public service at your level make impossible replying to questions raised by all of us you serve so well. I am moved to do so only by a matter of great importance to me.

I have recently received a letter severely criticizing me for support of the National Council of Churches. Apparently, you have been quoted, sir, in defence of the charge that the National Council of Churches is the fruit of a Communist conspiracy. I am aware of your statements and warnings about the possibilities of infiltration of churches, and can understand that the church would be a primary target for any interested in spreading that philosophy.

But I certainly have never interpreted your warnings to mean that we ought to drop the whole business because it is dangerous. I am firmly convinced that the Protestant churches of America must move in the direction of a united witness; not only for our self-preservation, but as a bulwark for such godless philosophies as communism. Without such organizations as the National Council, the Communists will not need to divide and conquer: we are already divided.

Is it true, sir, that the National Council of Churches is unworthy of our support? Is it correct to quote you that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of my Church, Dr. Henry Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary, and Edward Dahlburg, the President of the National Council are men unworthy of our support.

My public critic has said: "If you do know them, and know what they are doing, I cannot believe that you would, or honestly could, defend them. If you want to be certain, you might learn the truth direct from Hoover."

I have followed his suggestion. I assure you, sir, I am not planning to write a book or start a lecture tour. I only want to be certain that I am not doing worse than nothing in my feeble efforts to work for a united witness through the Council of Churches.

Thank you so very much

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 29, 1958, has been received and I appreciate the motive which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the function of this Bureau, as a fact-gathering agency, does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of individuals or organizations. Also, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret to advise, therefore, I am unable to comply with your request.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent, Dr. Henry Van Dusen and Edward Dahlburg.

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G. Bromley Oxnam is bishop of the Washington area of the Methodist Church [REDACTED]

The above is furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has been criticized for supporting the National Council of Churches. He inquires whether this organization, Bishop Oxnam, Dr. Henry Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary, and Edward Dahlburg, president of the National Council of Churches are unworthy of his support. Inasmuch as Bishop Oxnam is ^{subject of} highly controversial figure, it is believed desirable and to the best interests of the Bureau to advise the correspondent of the confidential nature of our files.

July 18,

PACIFISM, COMMUNISM, and the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Mr. Tolson	
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In these days when the threat of Soviet aggression looms over the world and particularly over the United States, serious consideration should be given to the growing pacifist agitation in the United States.

Pacifist manifestoes, demonstrations, "walks for peace," and picketing at the nuclear and missile weapons sites are among the most prominent pacifist activities which are in the news almost daily.

Whatever the motivation underlying pacifism in the United States may be, it is clearly in the interest of the Soviet aggressors and against the interest of the United States that every type of pacifist activity be encouraged.

A careful study of the individuals involved in present-day pacifist activity in the United States reveals an extensive interlocking and overlapping of personnel between: 1) the leadership of the Federal-National Council of Churches, 2) the non-Communist pacifist leaders, 3) the Communist "peace" organizations, and 4) the Communist-front apparatus generally.

A chart of 25 clergymen (picked arbitrarily) and their past and present affiliations with the Federal-National Council of Churches, with the non-Communist pacifist groups, and with the Communist-front apparatus will graphically portray the interlocking and overlapping of the personnel of these groups.

In the chart which follows, an "X" in column (1) means that the individual has been officially connected with the Federal or National Council of Churches. An "X" in column (2) means public affiliation with the Church Peace Mission. An "X" in column (3) means that the individual is or has been recently affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. An "X" in column (4) means that the clergyman is

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affiliated at the present time with one of the organizations now operating under the name of Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, branches of which have been set up in a number of cities. An "X" in column (5) means that the clergyman was affiliated with the Communist organization which was known as the Mid-Century Conference for Peace. An "X" in column (6) indicates affiliation with the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. An "X" in column (7) means that the clergyman has been affiliated with pro-Communist projects or fronts other than those of columns (5) and (6).

To take a single example, it is indicated on the chart that the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, currently the president of the National Council of Churches, has public affiliations with the Church Peace Mission, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, and with sundry other Communist projects and fronts.

The chart shows that 20 of the 25 clergymen whose records are indicated have been officially connected with the Federal-National Council of Churches. Twenty-three have been affiliated with the Church Peace Mission. Fourteen are officially connected with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest non-Communist pacifist organization in the United States. Nine of the 25 are currently affiliated with the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (column 4). Thirteen of the 25 were sponsors of the Communist outfit known as the Mid-Century Conference for Peace, according to column (5). Thirteen of the 25 clergymen were affiliated with the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact (column 6). And all of the 25 have had affiliations with Communist organizations or projects other than those which are represented by columns (5) and (6).

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August 25, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please tell me what you
can about the National Council of
Churches? The more I hear about it
the more it seems to be Communist
dominated, to say the least.

If you cannot give me any information
because of its secret nature - please
tell me who I might write to get infor-
mation. Too many of our Methodist
Churches - of which I am a member -
seem to be mixed up with it.

I hunker very much and keep up
the good work, We sleeping Amer-
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up to the danger among us.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please tell me what you can about the National Council of Churches? The more I hear about it the more it seems to be Communist dominated, to say the least.

If you cannot give me any information - because of its secret nature - please tell me who I might write to get information. Too many of our Methodist Churches - of which I am a member - seem to be mixed up with it.

Thanks very much and keep up the good work. We sleeping Americans, I believe, are finally waking up to the danger among us.

Sincerely,

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Dear

Your letter dated August 28, 1958, has been received, and the motive which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the function of this Bureau, as a fact-gathering agency, does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual or organization. Also, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret to advise, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you requested.

Also, I am unable to suggest to whom you may correspond to secure the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles reflect that correspondent directed a letter to the Bureau August 1, 1958, requesting information as to how he could help "blot out communism." He was afforded a cordial acknowledgment on August 7, 1958, and furnished some literature available for general distribution. (100-0-32197)

Bufiles reflect certain derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. However, much of this data came from rival church groups. Investigation confined to contacts with informants in the New York Office in 1950 reflected no data developed indicating any communist or subversive activities on the part of any persons affiliated with the group. The Bureau receives numerous inquiries whether this group is communist dominated. (100-50869)

The above is furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent wants to know what the Bureau can tell him about National Council of Churches. He also heard it is communist dominated. He also asks where he can get the information if the Bureau is unable to furnish it to him. [REDACTED]

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FOREWORD

719 of the officers whose names appear on the rolls of The National Council of Churches—Federal Council of Churches, have records of Communist affiliation. The names of many of these persons have appeared more than 100 times each in public support of pro-Communist or Communist projects, fronts and publications.

An even 50% of the names on the December, 1957 list of secretaries of local and state Councils of Churches affiliated with The National Council of Churches have public records of supporting pro-Communist projects, fronts and publications.

Until 1950 The National Council of Churches was known as Federal Council of Churches. Criticism of the socialistic, pro-Communist, collectivist and other un-American activities of the Federal Council of Churches over a prolonged period had caused a loss of financial and moral support . . . a similar reputation has been earned under the new name.

Ownership-control of the copyright title to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible by The National Council of Churches, has reportedly provided a fabulous royalty income to The National Council of Churches. This income makes the small management and leadership group free and independent of millions of Protestants in the local churches, who would not support a national and international political-economic emphasis in any association of churches. The conduct of a small leadership group which claims to speak for Protestantism has become repugnant and offensive to a vast number of Christian laymen and ministers.

M. G. LOWMAN

REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE—

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In a brochure issued by the National Council of Churches, the story of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is set forth.

Included in this story are the names of 95 men who have been officially connected with the project. Thirty of these men have been affiliated with Communist and pro-Communist fronts, projects, publications, and enterprises. This represents a very high degree of pro-Communist activity on the part of the men who have given us the revised Bible.

These thirty men who have been Communist fellow travelers in one form or another have been affiliated with 90 different Communist and pro-Communist projects, fronts, and publications. They date from the early 1930's up to 1958.

Merely to list the Communist affiliations of these thirty men, together with a brief sketch of the nature and significance of each affiliation, would require a substantial booklet.

Included among these thirty fellow travelers are some veteran supporters of Communist causes; for example, W. Russell Bowie has been affiliated with 29 different Communist enterprises, Leroy Waterman with 25, Fleming James with 22, Henry J. Cadbury with 13, George Dahl with 13, William Y. Bell with 10, Frederick C. Grant with 8, Euther A. Weigle with 6, and Millar Burrows with 5. The remaining individuals have had fewer than five such affiliations each.

In a recent brochure, the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches has summarized the story of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which for the past six years has outsold all so-called best selling books.

In its brochure, the National Council of Churches has listed the names of the Revision Committee and the Advisory Board. The following members of the committee and board have been affiliated with fronts, publications and other enterprises which have aided and abetted the cause of Communism in the United States:

Charles N. Arbuckle, Andover Newton Theological Seminary
John W. Beardslee, Jr., New Brunswick Seminary
William Y. Bell, Cordele, Georgia
William E. Berry, Earlham College
Julius A. Bewer, Union Theological Seminary
Walter Russell Bowie, Grace Church, New York
B. Harvie Branscomb, Vanderbilt University
Arlo A. Brown, Drew University
Millar Burrows, Yale University
Henry J. Cadbury, Harvard University
Clarence T. Craig, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology
George Dahl, Yale University
Frederick C. Grant, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary
C. J. Gresham, Atlanta, Georgia
F. G. Holloway, Western Maryland College
Robert M. Hopkins, chairman of International Council of Religious Education; general secretary, World's Sunday School Association
E. G. Hoff, Elgin, Illinois
J. Philip Hyatt, Vanderbilt University
Fleming James, University of the South
John W. Martin, Chicago, Illinois
James Moffatt, Union Theological Seminary
Paul C. Payne, chairman, International Council of Religious Education; general secretary, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education
Donald W. Richardson, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia
George V. Schick, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri
Willard L. Sperry, Harvard University Divinity School
John S. Stamm, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Marshall A. Talley, Nashville, Tennessee
Leroy Waterman, University of Michigan
Luther A. Weigle, Yale University Divinity School
Sidney A. Weston, Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing list of members of the Revision Committee and Advisory Board represents a high degree of Communist infiltration into the apparatus of the National Council of Churches which presided over the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In the pages which follow, the name of the Communist front or other Communist enterprise is underlined, and the names of the Bible Revision Committee and Advisory Board are given together with a brief statement of the Communist character of some organizations or enterprises with which they were connected.

American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom. Established on Lincoln's birthday in 1939, the announced purpose of this organization was the "preservation and extension of democracy and intellectual freedom." The *Daily Worker* of February 13, 1939, featured the event with a front-page display. Franz Boas, chairman of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, had a record of affiliation with Communist enterprises which clearly marked him as a conscious collaborator with the Communist conspiracy. George Dahl and Leroy Waterman were among the supporters of this Communist enterprise.

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The ACPFB is the oldest unit of the Communist apparatus still in existence in the United States. It was originally organized in the early part of 1924 at the explicit direction of the second national convention of the Workers (Communist) Party of America. In the early years of its existence, the ACPFB was known as the National Council for Protection of Foreign Born Workers, with local councils in large cities where there was a concentration of the foreign born. Walter Russell Bowie, Arlo Ayres Brown, and Leroy Waterman, were among the supporters of this Communist organization.

American Committee to Save Refugees. In a letter dated October 27, 1941, calling for an emergency relief conference, the American Committee to Save Refugees announced its cooperation with the Exiled Writers Committee and the United American Spanish Aid Committee. The House Committee on Un-American Activities cited the American Committee to Save Refugees as one of a "series of Communist enterprises which have dealt with Spain and the Spanish Civil War." W. Russell Bowie and Leroy Waterman were supporters of this Communist organization.

American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. This organization was cited as "subversive and Communist" by Attorney General Tom Clark. The House Committee on Un-American Activities described the organization as a Communist front whose "collection of funds for 'relief' was only incidental to and a cover for its propaganda activities in behalf of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia." According to the *Daily Worker* of April 26, 1947, Millar Burrows was an endorser of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression. This Communist organization was closely allied with the American Friends of the Chinese People, cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. The House Committee on Un-American Activities reported as follows: "It is clear that the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression was closely interlocked and interrelated with the American Friends of the Chinese People, the China Aid Council, and the Washington Committee for Aid to China, and that these organizations worked on completely parallel lines and in full cooperation." W. Russell Bowie was a sponsor of this Communist organization.

American Friends of Spanish Democracy. In a special report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it is stated that "in 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations . . . such as . . . American Friends of Spanish Democracy." Professor George Dahl was a signer of a letter of this organization, petitioning Congress to lift the embargo on arms shipments to the Spanish loyalists.

American Rescue Ship Mission. This organization was cited as Communist and "a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee" by Attorney General Tom Clark. The House Committee on Un-American Activities said, in its annual report of 1946, that the American Rescue Ship Mission was "launched in 1940 under false claims as to the amount of money necessary to charter a ship to bring Spanish refugees from Europe to Mexico." Professor Henry J. Cadbury, of the Bible Revision Committee, was a sponsor of this Communist enterprise.

American Round Table on India. This was a Communist propaganda organization which functioned in 1941. Its secretary was Robert Norton, a well-known member of the Communist Party. Its chairman was Guy Emery Shieler, prominent low traveler, who has been called "the Red Dean of America." Sidney A. Weston, of the Bible Revision Advisory Council, was a member of the American Round Table on India.

Appeal for Amnesty for Eleven Communist Party Leaders. The title of this Communist project is self-explanatory. Eleven top Communists were convicted for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence and sentenced to prison terms of five years. Fleming James, of the Bible Revision Committee, was a signer of the amnesty appeal for these Communist Party leaders.

Brief Amici Curiae for the Communist Party. In September, 1955, a brief amici curiae was filed on behalf of the Communist Party with the U. S. Supreme Court, in the Party's appeal against the decision of the Subversive Activities Control Board. Three hundred and sixty Communists and fellow travelers signed this brief. Among them was Professor Leroy Waterman of the Bible Revision Committee. It would require several pages merely to list the names of the Communist organizations and enterprises with which Professor Waterman has been affiliated.

Brief Amici Curiae for Morton Sobell. Professor Leroy Waterman, of the Bible Revision Committee, signed this brief which was filed with the U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of Morton Sobell who is now serving a 30-year prison term for Communist espionage, in Alcatraz. Sobell was convicted in the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder. While he was general secretary of the Communist Party, U. S. A., Earl Browder was convicted for perjury in connection with a false passport which he had used. The Communist Party organized one of its biggest propaganda drives during World War II to secure Browder's release from the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. The vehicle of this propaganda was the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, an organization which has been cited as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States and by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Two of the men officially connected with the

Bible Revision Committee, William Y. Bell and W. Russell Bowie, were supporters of this Communist enterprise to free Browder.

Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. In a special report on the Communist "peace" offensive, the House Committee on Un-American Activities named this organization as one of the important units of the international "peace" offensive of the Kremlin. Four of the men officially connected with the Bible Revision Committee were affiliated with this committee; namely, George Dahl, E. G. Hoff, Fleming James, and George V. Schick.

Melish Brief Amici Curiae. One of the stormiest episodes in American church history has centered in the person and Communist activities of William Howard Melish, pro-Communist clergyman of Brooklyn, N. Y. On January 11, 1951, a brief amici curiae on behalf of Melish was filed with the U. S. Supreme Court. Among the signers of this brief were W. Russell Bowie, George Dahl, Frederick C. Grant, and Fleming James, all of whom have been officially connected with the Bible Revision Committee. Bowie and Grant were also signers of 1958 brief on behalf of Melish.

The Protestant. Known in its beginning (1938) as the Protestant Digest, this magazine was the personal propaganda medium of the pro-Communist clergymen who followed the Kremlin line under the editorial leadership of one Kenneth Leslie. In his book entitled Apostles of Discord, Ralph Lord Roy (a left-wing clergyman from Union Theological Seminary) correctly observed that The Protestant "carried a strong hint as to its future policy" in its first issue in which Kenneth Leslie wrote as follows: "Is it not possible for both Christians and Communists, instead of condemning each other in their mutual weakness, to contribute the best they have and work for the common good?" That should have been sufficient warning to non-Communist and anti-Communist clergymen to give Leslie's magazine a wide berth. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, this Communist-line monthly magazine was able, at the peak of its influence, to claim the support of several thousand clergymen, including the following men who have been officially connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible of the National Council of Churches: John W. Beardslee, Jr., William Y. Bell, W. Russell Bowie, James Moffatt, and Luther A. Weigle.

Fellowship of Reconciliation. This so-called pacifist organization has been characterized by a socialist orientation throughout its history. Approximately three-fourths of its currently listed personnel have been supporters of the Communist-front apparatus. The Fellowship of Reconciliation in the United States is an affiliate of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation which is officially on record as urging its members in the national affiliates to join "political movements which aim at the replacement of private capitalism by a system of collective ownership." William E. Berry, Arlo Ayres Brown, and Henry J. Cadbury have been affiliated with the FOR.

Churchman Associates. This group represents leftwing and pro-Communist clergymen who follow the leadership of the Rev. Guy Emery Shippler, a Protestant Episcopal clergyman whom the New Leader has described as "the Red Dean of America." The Churchman Associates is organized to support Shippler's magazine The Churchman, a monthly magazine which has been a vehicle for the Kremlin line for many years. The following clergymen who have been officially connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been affiliated with the Churchman Associates: John W. Beardslee, Jr., W. Russell Bowie, Frederick C. Grant, Robert M. Hopkins, and Paul C. Payne.

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. This Communist organization was launched at a conference held in Washington, D. C., in June 1940. For some years, it was one of the most important of the units in the Communist-front apparatus. The House Committee on Un-American Activities has the following to say about the NFCL: "There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—regardless of its high-sounding name—is one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party." Attorney General Francis Biddle described the NFCL in the following language: "Part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program." The following clergymen connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had affiliations with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties: William Y. Bell, W. Russell Bowie, Henry J. Cadbury, George Dahl, Frederick C. Grant, and Leroy Waterman.

Communist and pro-Communist projects which have been supported by men officially connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible:

- (1) American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom—George Dahl and Leroy Waterman
- (2) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born—W. Russell Bowie, Arlo Ayres Brown, and Leroy Waterman
- (3) American Committee to Save Refugees—W. Russell Bowie and Leroy Waterman
- (4) American Committee for Yugoslav Relief—Millar Burrows
- (5) American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression—W. Russell Bowie
- (6) American Friends of Spanish Democracy—George Dahl
- (7) American Rescue Ship Mission — Henry J. Cadbury
- (8) American Round Table on India—Sidney A. Weston
- (9) American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy—W. Russell Bowie
- (10) American Welcoming Committee for World Peace Delegation—George Dahl
- (11) Appeal for Amnesty for Eleven Communist Party Leaders—Fleming James
- (12) Appeal to Guard Civil Rights — Henry J. Cadbury
- (13) Appeal to President Roosevelt for Justice in Browder Case—William Y. Bell
- (14) Bachrach Open Letter to the Attorney General—Fleming James and Leroy Waterman
- (15) Bill of Rights Conference—Fleming James
- (16) Boston Committee Against Jenner—Henry J. Cadbury
- (17) Brief *Amici Curiae* for Communist Party—Leroy Waterman
- (18) Brief *Amici Curiae* for Morton Sobell—Leroy Waterman

- (19) Cable Congratulating Luis Carlos Prestes—William Y. Bell
- (20) Christian Leaders Against Atlantic Pact—W. Russell Bowie and Henry J. Cadbury
- (21) Church Peace Mission Against Nuclear Tests—James Philip Hyatt
- (22) Churchman Associates—J. W. Beardslee, Jr., W. Russell Bowie, Frederick C. Grant, Robert M. Hopkins, and Paul C. Payne
- (23) Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder—William Y. Bell and W. Russell Bowie
- (24) Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges — Frederick C. Grant
- (25) Citizens Committee to Secure Bail for Martin Young—George Dahl, Fleming James, and Leroy Waterman
- (26) Citizens Emergency Conference for Interracial Unity—W. Russell Bowie
- (27) Citizens United Against Wood-Rankin Committee—Millar Burrows
- (28) Civil Rights Congress—William Y. Bell and Leroy Waterman
- (29) Committee to End Sedition Laws—Leroy Waterman
- (30) Committee for Equal Justice — William Y. Bell
- (31) Committee for Medical Freedom—Fleming James
- (32) Committee of One Thousand — Fleming James
- (33) Committee for Peaceful Alternatives — George V. Schick
- (34) Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact—George Dahl, E. G. Hoff, Fleming James, and George V. Schick
- (35) Committee of Welcome for the Very Reverend Hewlett Johnson — George Dahl and Fleming James
- (36) Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America—Leroy Waterman

- (37) Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact—Henry J. Cadbury, George Dahl, E. G. Hoff, Fleming James, and George V. Schick
- (38) Conference on Social Legislation—Henry J. Cadbury
- (39) Congress on Civil Rights—W. Russell Bowie
- (40) Coordinating Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo—W. Russell Bowie and Luther A. Weigle
- (41) Council on African Affairs—William Y. Bell
- (42) Council Against Intolerance in America—W. Russell Bowie
- (43) Council on Pan American Democracy—Millar Burrows and Leroy Waterman
- (44) Exiled Writers Committee—W. Russell Bowie
- (45) Fellowship of Reconciliation — William E. Berry, Arlo Ayres Brown, and Henry J. Cadbury
- (46) Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights — W. Russell Bowie and Leroy Waterman
- (47) Hiroshima Commemorative Committee—Leroy Waterman
- (48) Interfaith Committee for Peace Action—Fleming James
- (49) International Workers Order — Fleming James and Leroy Waterman
- (50) Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee—W. Russell Bowie and Henry J. Cadbury
- (51) Melish Brief *Amici Curiae* (1950) — W. Russell Bowie, Frederick C. Grant, and Fleming James
- (52) Melish Brief *Amici Curiae* (1951) — W. Russell Bowie, George Dahl, Frederick C. Grant, and Fleming James
- (53) Melish Brief *Amici Curiae* (1958) — W. Russell Bowie and Frederick C. Grant
- (54) Methodist Federation for Social Action — Clarence T. Craig
- (55) Michigan Civil Rights Federation — Leroy Waterman

- (56) Mid-Century Conference for Peace—E. G. Hoff and George V. Schick
- (57) National Citizens Political Action Committee—W. Russell Bowie
- (58) National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism—William Y. Bell, Millar Burrows, and Donald W. Richardson
- (59) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act—W. Russell Bowie, George Dahl, Fleming James, and Leroy Waterman
- (60) National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Acts—Fleming James and Leroy Waterman
- (61) National Committee to Win Amnesty — Fleming James
- (62) National Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights—Fleming James
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- (64) National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions—W. Russell Bowie and Fleming James
- (65) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—William Y. Bell, W. Russell Bowie, Henry J. Cadbury, George Dahl, Frederick C. Grant, and Leroy Waterman
- (66) National Negro Congress—Marshall A. Talley
- (67) National Religion and Labor Foundation—B. Harvie Branscomb, Willard L. Sperry, and Luther A. Weigle
- (68) North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy—W. Russell Bowie and Luther A. Weigle
- (69) Open Letter for Eisler—Leroy Waterman
- (70) Open Letter on Harry Bridges—W. Russell Bowie, Millar Burrows, George Dahl, and Leroy Waterman
- (71) Open Letter Opposing Military Aid to Spain (1951)—W. Russell Bowie
- (72) Protest Against Massachusetts Investigating Committee—Henry J. Cadbury

- (73) *Protestant, The*—William Y. Bell, W. Russell Bowie, and James Moffatt
- (74) *Protestant Digest*—John W. Beardslee, James Moffatt, and Luther Weigle
- (75) Religious Freedom Committee — Leroy Waterman
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- (78) Schappes Defense Committee — William Y. Bell, W. Russell Bowie, and George Dahl
- (79) Southern Conference Educational Fund—C. J. Gresham
- (80) Spanish Refugee Appeal—Leroy Waterman
- (81) Statement Defending 5th Amendment Witnesses—Henry J. Cadbury
- (82) Statement Endorsing Book by Albert E. Kahn—Henry J. Cadbury
- (83) Statement Endorsing Distribution of Report on Yugoslavia—W. Russell Bowie, Clarence T. Craig, Frederick C. Grant, Fred G. Holloway, Robert M. Hopkins, and Fleming James
- (84) Statement Against "Concentration Camps"—Fleming James
- (85) Union For Concerted Peace Efforts—Charles N. Arbuckle, John W. Martin, John S. Stamm, and Luther A. Weigle
- (86) United Summer Appeal for Smith Act Children—Leroy Waterman
- (87) Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade—W. Russell Bowie and Leroy Waterman
- (88) World Peace Appeal — Henry J. Cadbury and Fleming James
- (89) Washington Committee to Lift Spanish Embargo—W. Russell Bowie
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a recent meeting of our local [REDACTED] it was brought to our attention by a member of the group that the "National Council of Churches" has been suspected of un-American activities. Since our group is a small part of this organization we should like to know if your bureau does not approve of this organization and its activities. We are vitally interested in the matter and shall truly appreciate a reply from your office.

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Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated October 7, 1958, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the function of this Bureau as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of individuals, organizations or publications.

I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE FOR SAC, OMAHA:

There is enclosed for your information one copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NEASE *J. Nease*
FROM : L. E. SHORT *L. E. Short*
SUBJECT: *C* FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Federal Bureau of Investigation.
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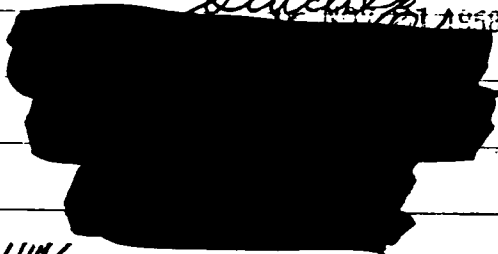
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 10, 1958, has been received, and I want to inform you that the FBI does not put out a folder of the type you mentioned.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual, I know you will understand the reasons for such a policy and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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November 21, 1958

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading the enclosed article from the Miami Herald of November 22, I can only arrive at one conclusion and that is, that most of the 600 Delegates to the Convention must be Traitors and Communists or Communist symathizers. Indeed a very sad situation.

Our Government is trying hard to keep the Chinese Reds out of the U. N. and the Churches seem to be working in the opposite direction.

Should not some action be taken by the F. B. I.? Iam very much alarmed about this situation.

Respectfully yours

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Let China In U.N. — Churches

Recognition Also Proposed

CLEVELAND — UP — A group of national church leaders Friday urged that steps be taken toward admission of Red China to the U. N. and recognition of Red China by the U. S.

The concluding session of the four-day World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, spelled out the policy in a "Message to the Churches."

"Christians should urge reconsideration by our government of its policy in regard to the People's Republic of China (Red China)," said the statement adopted by the conference, the fifth of its kind since 1942.

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The entire statement of policy, covering numerous issues, was adopted unanimously by voice vote by the 600 delegates after a lively discussion which lasted an hour. There was little opposition to the portion dealing with Red China.

Other matters in the message included how to carry out the U. S. Supreme Court's racial integration decision.

Before debating and adopting its "Message to the Churches"

official reports of local and national sections.

These reports are not policy statements, but are study material. They are to be relayed to thousands of Protestant and Orthodox congregations throughout the nation for further study.

Two of the four section reports favor admission of Red China into the U. N., and American recognition of the People's Republic of China.

Another report, submitted by the group studying "the hanging dimension of human rights," advocated the calling of a White House conference whose leaders would attempt to "develop a program whereby, in all parts of our country, steps could be taken faithfully to comply with the Supreme Court decisions, with due recognition of local difficulties and of the need for cooperative and continuous progress."

It said that after many years of growing good will among the races in the U. S., "in parts of the country we now witness a tragic worsening of the situation provoked by propagators of fear, prejudice and hate."

It declared "we believe the time has come for the President to call a White House conference of our national leadership to 'give focus, encouragement, and support to the healing and law abiding forces throughout our nation, our states and our localities.'"

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 24, 1958, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In the event you secure any additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Miami Office located at 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami 52, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent enclosed a clipping from the November 22, 1958, issue of "The Miami Herald," Miami, Florida, captioned "Let China In U.N. -- Churches." This article, with a Cleveland, Ohio, date line, reflected that the World Order Study Conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches had adopted a policy statement which, among numerous other items, urged that steps be taken toward admission of Red China to the United Nations and recognition of Red China by the United States. The policy statement pointed out, however, that such recognition of China by the United States "does not imply approval."

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The above is furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has expressed his doubts concerning the loyalty of the delegates to the conference and also states that the churches seem to be working in the opposite direction from our Government. He then raises the question "Should not some action be taken by the F.B.I.?" It appears this question is more a statement of his opinion rather than one to which he expects a reply. No attempt is being made, therefore, to explain to the correspondent why the FBI is not investigating this church group.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGNS TO DESTROY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

With the convening of the First Session of the 86th Congress on January 7, 1959, certain subversive and left-wing organizations in the United States are expected to launch vicious attacks against the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) for the avowed purpose of terminating the Committee's existence. Activities of several of these groups which have been mentioned in previous issues of the Firing Line, while strikingly similar in purpose, do not all reflect origin from a common source.

One of the major organizations initiating an abolition campaign is the left-wing American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its Southern California affiliate. Foundation for the latest ACLU attack against the HUAC was actually laid on February 19, 1958, when the ACLU's national organization petitioned the Supreme Court of the United States "to rule conclusively that the House Un-American Activities Committee has no right to inquire into a person's political beliefs and associations." The ACLU statement was in support of LLOYD BARENBLATT, a former Vassar College psychology instructor, who appealed a contempt of Congress conviction. BARENBLATT was cited for contempt following his appearance before the HUAC on June 28, 1954, based upon his refusal to answer numerous questions regarding alleged membership and activities in the Communist Party. (See ACLU, "Civil Liberties," March 1958, page 1.)

Following his conviction, BARENBLATT appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. When the Court of Appeals upheld BARENBLATT's conviction in January 1957, he promptly took his case to the Supreme Court. On the basis of the Court's decision in the JOHN T. WATKINS case, the Supreme Court remanded the BARENBLATT case to the Court of Appeals for reconsideration on June 24, 1957. For a second time, the Court of Appeals on January 16, 1958, upheld BARENBLATT's conviction. Shortly after the ruling, the ACLU joined in a second appeal to the Supreme Court on which there has been no decision to date. (See HUAC, Annual Report, 1957, page 10; "The New York Times," 3-31-58, page 16; and "The Washington Daily News," 11-18-58, page 14.)

According to the ACLU, "the significance of the Union's petition (in the BARENBLATT case) lies in its request that the high court rule that its decision last June (17, 1957) in the WATKINS case specifically prohibits inquiry by the Un-American Activities Committee into political beliefs and associations. The WATKINS decision, in a case also supported by the ACLU, reversed a contempt conviction because the witness was not informed of the nature of the inquiry and the 'pertinency' of the questions concerning Communist associations. However, it also criticized the Committee's 'exposure'

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of persons accused of Communist ties and the vagueness of the term 'un-American'." In announcing the ACLU had "assumed primary responsibility" for the BARENBLATT case in February 1958, ACLU Executive Director PATRICK MURPHY MALIN "said the Union hoped the Supreme Court would 'finally determine the unconstitutionality of the Committee's (HUAC) mandate'." (See ACLU, "Civil Liberties," March 1958, page 1.)

On July 31, 1956, MALIN stated the ACLU "believes that the letter and spirit of the First Amendment make the mandate of the HUAC unconstitutional or unwise, or both. That has been the Union's belief ever since the Committee was established in the late Nineteen Thirties...So this is the time to urge that no Committee with such a mandate should be appointed when the new Congress convenes next January (1957)." An ACLU brief filed with the Supreme Court on September 6, 1958, on behalf of BARENBLATT directly challenged the authority of the HUAC. The ACLU brief asserted that the HUAC "lacks authority to conduct any investigation or to compel testimony...(and) that the Committee violates due process and unconstitutionally tries to restrain freedom of belief, expression and association protected by the First Amendment." (See "The New York Times," 10-27-58, page C-29.)

ENTER ACLU OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Supplementing the national ACLU's spearheading attack against the HUAC is the probing flank movements of its Southern California affiliate. The September 1958 issue of The Open Forum, a monthly organ of the Southern California ACLU stated it had filed a \$20,000 damage suit in the Ninth United States District Court charging that the HUAC "is an illegal Committee of Congress." The suit was on behalf of DONALD WHEELDIN and ADMIRAL GEORGE DAWSON, who had been subpoenaed by the HUAC to appear before Committee hearings scheduled to commence on September 2, 1958. The complaint asked the Court to "quash the subpoenas issued to WHEELDIN and DAWSON pending a hearing on the legality" of the HUAC.

According to The Open Forum, WHEELDIN and DAWSON "claim they would be 'publicly accused of disloyalty, adjudged guilty without a hearing, and rendered unemployable' if forced to appear before the Committee. WHEELDIN left the Communist Party because of 'fundamental differences with it,' but would not be a 'cooperative' witness before the Committee. DAWSON also would not be a cooperative witness." It is noteworthy that the September 1, 1958 edition of the National Guardian reflected WHEELDIN was a former employee of the People's World, "the official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast." (See HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 100.)

The Southern California ACLU, at its Legislative Action Conference held at Baces Hall, 1528 North Vermont, Los Angeles on November 15, 1958, launched a month-long petition campaign urging 17 California Congressmen "to offer at the opening of the 86th Congress a resolution to eliminate the Committee on Un-American Activities from the list of Standing Committee's of the House of Representatives." On the basis of the Southern California ACLU's total membership of 4,000, every member was asked to secure 25 signatures to meet the petition campaign goal of 100,000. ALAN BARTH, who has been an ACLU National Committeeman since 1952, was the keynoter at the aforementioned Conference. Currently on leave as a "chief editorial writer" for the Washington Post and Times Herald, BARTH was identified in the March 15, 1954 Firing Line as a severe critic of the FBI. In addition to "mailing out

petitions to its own members," the National Guardian of November 24, 1958, page 1, reported the Southern California ACLU "has asked other organizations and individuals to do the same." The Los Angeles edition of the People's World, dated November 15, 1958, page 3, stated "one organization to announce immediate support and assistance was the Los Angeles Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (accurately known as the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms), whose central aim has been the outlawing of the Un-American Committee and similar state inquisitorial Committees." MRS. DOROTHY MARSHALL is the Citizens Committee's Chairman and FRANK WILKINSON is the group's Executive Secretary. (See "The Open Forum," November 1958, page 1.)

Both MRS. MARSHALL and WILKINSON described the Southern California ACLU "petition campaign as 'the most important development in the country' in the move to end the 20-year reign of the un-Americans (HUAC.)" Accompanied by a letter, MRS. MARSHALL reportedly mailed ACLU petitions to "5,000 homes" in that State. In its report entitled, "Operation Abolition," dated November 8, 1957, the HUAC stated the "major adjunct of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) in the California area is an organization designating itself as the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms." Full disclosures concerning the activities of the ECLC, an identified Communist-front, have appeared in recent issues of the Firing Line. (See HUAC, Guide To Subversive Organizations and Publications, 1957, page 38.)

On August 13, 1958, the House of Representatives cited WILKINSON for contempt of Congress and forwarded his case to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution. This action stemmed from WILKINSON's uncooperative appearance before an HUAC hearing in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 30, 1958. WILKINSON has been identified as a member of the Communist Party. HUAC Chairman FRANCIS E. WALTER stated on August 8, 1958, the HUAC "had information that WILKINSON is 'the guiding light' of the ECLC, and had been designated by the Communist Party to manipulate that Committee and some of its affiliated organizations." According to an ECLC mimeographed letterhead, dated August 12, 1958, WILKINSON "amicably" left the employ of the ECLC prior to August 1, 1958, however, "remains a member" of the ECLC's National Council. (See "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C. 8-14-58, page A-21.)

During September 1958, the Southern California ACLU inserted "political advertisements" in five Los Angeles newspapers attacking the HUAC for conducting hearings in that city. The ACLU statement was signed by 98 individuals who urged that letters of protest be sent to Members of Congress. In addition to the ACLU sponsored petitions and letter writing campaigns, the Communist Party and its 600 fronts are obviously very actively engaged in similar projects to attempt to abolish the HUAC during the 86th Congress. It is reliably reported the Communist Party, "making use of their fellow travelers and dupes, plus their 'united front tactic, '...can have 50,000 letters on any issue sent to Capitol Hill or the White House inside of 72 hours." As a Legionnaire or as another patriotic American who has wholeheartedly endorsed the effective anti-subversive efforts of the House Committee on Un-American Activities - What are you going to do to counteract these intensified abolition campaigns?

ON THE RELIGIOUS FRONT

Several pronouncements of the Fifth World Order Study Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958 have been strongly repudiated by certain Protestant clergy, laymen and other God-fearing, thinking Americans.

Sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 600 delegates to the World Order Study Conference unanimously urged that Communist China be granted diplomatic recognition by the United States and admitted to the United Nations. Other statements adopted by the Conference called for "stronger efforts should be made to break through the present stalemate and to find ways of living with the Communist nations. Sometimes this is called 'co-existence,' but we are concerned with something more than the minimum meaning of the word. Our relationship with the Communist nations should combine competition between ways of life with cooperation for limited objectives, our resistance to Communist expansion goes with recognition of the fact that Communist nations as nations, have their own legitimate interests and their own reasonable fears. We should avoid the posture of general hostility to them and cease the practice of continual moral lectures to them by our leaders."

These statements were part of a 5,000-word document entitled, "Message to the Churches." It is interesting to note that the entire statement was prepared by a 23-member Conference Committee "headed" by the REV. DR. JOHN COLEMAN BENNETT, Dean of the Faculty of the undenominational Union Theological Seminary of New York City. Readers will recall that certain views of DR. BENNETT appearing in the August 15, 1958 Firing Line are seemingly similar in vein to some of the aforementioned pronouncements adopted by the World Order Study Conference. At the close of the Conference, REV. DR. EDWIN THEODORE DAHLBERG, President of the National Council of Churches, stated: "It is to be hoped that our Government and the United Nations will take to heart the message and findings of this Conference." A report on DR. DAHLBERG's background was contained in the January 15, 1958 Firing Line. (See "The Evening Star," /Washington, D. C./, 11-22-58, page B-13; "The New York Times," 11-22-58, page C-8; and "Firing Line," 12-1-58.)

On November 22, 1958, both REV. DR. DANIEL A. POLING and REV. DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE issued strongly worded statements repudiating the Conference pronouncements regarding Communist China. DR. POLING said he believed "that this action misrepresents my Protestant faith. With every influence that I have, I repudiate it...I maintain that this resolution represents only the men who endorsed it and not the Protestant community of the United States...Certainly the National Council of Churches...must accept full responsibility for this action." DR. PEALE declared he was "one minister who is completely opposed to recognition of Communist China and the admission of that ruthlessly totalitarian government to the councils of nations." According to DR. PEALE, "were this government to recognize Red China, the millions living under Communist tyranny would feel completely abandoned and in despair would give up all hope of resistance. Communist power would sweep over the entire Far East and creep nearer to us across the Pacific." (See "The New York Times," 11-24-58, page C-32; and "The Sunday Star," /Washington, D. C./ 11-23-58, page A-10.)

Speaking before the Conference prior to the adoption of the controversial pronouncements, Methodist Bishop G. BROMLEY OXNAM claimed "too much of our policy is based on fear of Communism rather than faith in freedom - 'let the hysterical stay under the beds as they search for the Communists...'" On December 3, 1958, the General Board of the National Council of Churches disclaimed responsibility for the Conference's resolution in Communist China. (See "Cleveland Plain Dealer," 11-19-58; and "The New York Times," 12-4-58, page C-19.)

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of the 28th 1958

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25 D C

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Also a list of Ministers who
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Best wishes -

Sincerely
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Dec 26th 1958

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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1 - Mr. Simpson

January 7, 1959

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 28, 1958, has been received and the motive which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Also, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI does not maintain a list of organizations such as you have mentioned in your letter. The Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice, however, does maintain a list of organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 (the Federal Employees Security Order). It is suggested that you may desire to obtain this list of organizations by submitting your request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Edgar C. Bundy is a lecturer who tours the country speaking on communism before church and patriotic groups. He claims to have formerly been an Air Force intelligence officer.

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The Bureau receives numerous inquiries concerning his current activities. His book "Collectivism in the Churches" has been previously brought to the Bureau's attention. It contains numerous allegations that the National Council of Churches was heavily infiltrated by communists and other un-American groups. (62-104576)

The above is furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests list of ministers in National Council of Churches who are members of communist front organizations and a list of ministers in church seminaries who are also members of communist front organizations. She also requests the Director comment concerning the above book by Bundy. Correspondent implies there is some question in her mind as to the authenticity of "listings from the F.B.I." It is not clear from her letter whether she is referring to the Attorney General's list or some listing in Bundy's book and, if the latter, she does not indicate to what portion of the book she refers. The book contains no list identified as "from the F.B.I."

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February 1, 1959

*National Council of Churches -
Chicago, Illinois*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I do hope this reaches you personally and that you can give us some much needed advice & facts.

I am a member of the First Presbyterian Church and have we had troubles. We've lost our minister in spite of a large majority rule to keep him. He was fired by our presbytery without our ever being told why and we've asked. The most we can get is that it's just best he's out of here. Ministerial Relations of our presbytery is

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teaching the ten commandments are outmoded in our modern age. He definitely acts like a communist and is rumored as one.

and the congregation both had an appeal into Synod against Presbytery but Presbytery told us unless dropped his they wouldn't release his papers and he wouldn't be able to get a church. from our Synod, urged us to drop ours too. We've written to general assembly and have had letters back these things couldn't be done but it all has been done and no one will help us.

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We've very recently read alot of literature on the National Council of Churchs. Most of it is written by the American Council of Churches stating that the N.C.C. is infiltrated with communists and being used by them and for their advantage.

My questions are:

1. Are these things true? Do many of our leaders in the N.C.C. belong to red fronts?
2. How about the American Council of Churches, Is it infiltrated with Reds too?
3. How can we as small people; but citizens and Christians very much concerned over this dreadful thing best help fight against

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4. Would we do better to pull out of the N.C.C. and give our support to the A.C.C. or what can we do?

If these things are true of the N.C.C. I just can't as a disciple of Christ's go along with these things in our church. We're all so disturbed.

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There has been some talk of starting the Bible Presbyterian or Congregational Church and having [redacted] come back to help us and be our pastor. He is a definite leader and preaches very strong against communism besides being a good christian and preaching salvation through Jesus Christ which I always thought all ministers did.

It's all so involved it's hard to know where to start or stop but sincerely hope you will be able to give us an immediate reply and thank you for taking time to consider our questions & confusion.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Simpson

February 10, 1959

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 1, 1959, has been received, and the motive which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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I would also like to advise that I do not believe it would be proper for me as Director of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency, to recommend a course of action to be followed by members of your church.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, Butte

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Note to Butte, Continued

The American Council of Churches has not been investigated by the Bureau. Bufiles reflect that we have had cordial relations with this organization in the past and considerable correspondence of a cordial nature with its various officers. (94-37557)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent discusses a controversy in her church over the recent dismissal of the pastor. She claims she can get no information from the presbytery as to the reasons he was fired. She also refers to literature issued by the American Council of Churches which alleges the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with communists. She requests to be advised whether this allegation is true, whether many leaders of the National Council of Churches belong to Red fronts, whether the American Council of Churches is infiltrated with Reds, how her group can help fight against it and whether she and her friends should pull out of the ~~Federal~~ National Council of Churches. She also mentions that they are considering establishing a separate church.

Although we have not investigated either the National Council of Churches or the American Council of Churches, it is not believed we should so advise the correspondent due to the controversial nature of the National Council of Churches and many allegations that some of its officers have had CP front associations. The Bureau should not become involved in this local church controversy and it is believed a files confidential reply will best serve the Bureau's interest in this matter since the correspondent will probably use the Bureau's letter in the local controversy.

February 18, 1959
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am sure you are well aware of the left-
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Did we learn nothing from the Nazi youth
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Please read these ~~excerpts~~ carefully,
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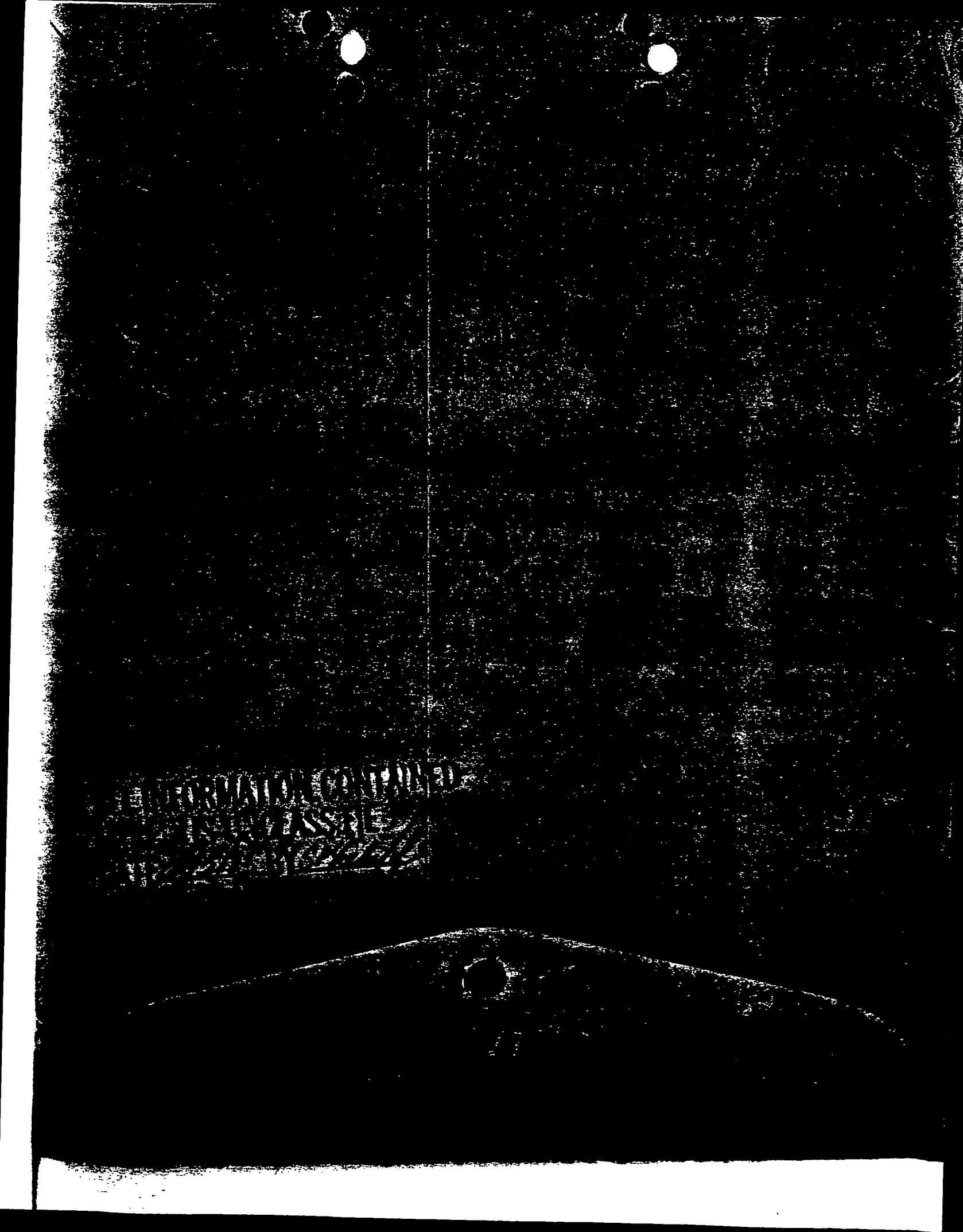
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YOUTH LITERATURE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1. Seeks to destroy the respect of children for the guidance of their parents, replacing such guidance with a false sense of independent decision, which is in reality decision modeled by the radical teachings of this literature and its proponents.
 2. Seeks to destroy national pride and patriotism and urges the acceptance only of world citizenship.
 3. Propagandizes for disarmament even though other countries remain fully armed.
 4. Seeks to discredit respect for and dignity of the colored race by propagandizing for complete, radical social integration, which naturally would lead to intermarriage, family disunity in both races and demoralization of the country at this time.
 5. Seeks to put a new connotation on the word "Christian". In youth literature it is becoming to mean membership in a movement rather than Christ like.
 6. Some Methodist literature advocates clever and sacrilegious methods of extracting money from youth groups, capitalizing on youthful emotions and spiritual idealism. (Methodist Youth Fund Pledge Service, by Rowena Ferguson, Methodist Youth Fund, P.O. box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Form No. 2458-B)
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Walter Reuther gave \$200,000.00 of United-Automobile-Workers-Union money to the National Council of Churches for "religious and economic education". Reuther is documented as atheistic and pro-communistic in ideology, holding beliefs which hardly seem compatible with high religious motives for such a gift. (Walter Reuther, by Eldorous L. Dayton, Devin-Adair Co., New York 10, N. Y.)

Mr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches, has been documented as pro-communistic in his sympathies by participation in a number of communist-front movements, (cited as subversive by the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in 1942 and the Attorney General of the United States in 1947 and 1948). Human Events, Vol. XIV, No. 50, 12/14/57

"World Order Study" sponsored by National Council of Churches passed unanimous resolution for recognition of Red China and its admission to United Nations. (Daniel A. Poling, Christian Herald, Nov. 30, 1958)

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E X C E R P T S

"Junior high years--when we start untying apron strings and making more of four own decisions--are critical years. Now we begin disputing our parents' authority. They seem so old-fashioned. Indeed we are amazed at how little they know and how far behind the times they are! So often we resent the slightest suggestion they make. We fly into sudden tantrums because we are so little understood, or stamp our feet and storm out of the room." §

"Now of course it is true that parents do belong to another generation. They often find it difficult to keep up with the whirling kaleidoscope of youth life. And it is often hard for them to realize that their children are not children any more and need more freedom."(1)

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"Dear Rod:

Don't let things get you down, Rod. All of us do things we do not mean to do and you will be no exception. Just take it on the chin in your usual good spirit and you will find that things will work out eventually between you and your parents. Probably they are as amazed at you as you are at them. Remember they have been used to having a little boy around the house and now that you are a six footer they have to learn all over how to live with their new son. You must give them a shock every time they look at you. You have to learn to live with them too. Remember that you want to grow up as soon as you can and assume adult independence and responsibilities. But, whether they understand it or not, they have the problem of knowing when they should make decisions for you and when they should expect you to make your own. Try to understand that."

With love,

Aunt Judy."

"Dear, Dear Aunt Judy:

".....I may add that I am having a wonderful time at camp. And you ought to be honored indeed. Yours is the only letter I have written since I arrived. I sent Mom a bunch of post cards that I wrote before coming up."

Rod.

"Dear Aunt Judy:

"I forgot to tell you that Lucy's sister got married Monday. When I marry I'm going to run away to skip all the fuss."

Rod."

"Dear Aunt Judy:

".....I sure appreciate all the letters you have written me. It still seems a long way around to answer some of the questions I have asked. I started all this. You warned me. It's not that I'm tired of reading so much but, well, I just don't have any time any more. Mother says I must get some sleep. And, anyway I think Mom's been going through my things. She and Dad think something is up. They act as if they think I've gotten into some awful trouble and am writing you about it."

Rod."

"Dear Aunt Judy:

Nobody yet but Mr. Carlow (Church School Teacher) knows I have been writing to you. But we found that some of the other kids have the same questions. 'Your aunt's correspondence with you will be our secret, Rod,' Mr. Carlow said to me one day when we went on a fishing trip together."

Rod." (2)

AN ACT OF FORGIVENESS

"Leader: Let us lift up before God those who have hurt us in days that are past--parents who have not trusted us and teachers who have accused us falsely.

Response: O God, forgive those who have offended us.

Leader: Friends who have called us names and spread false rumors about us.

Response: O God, forgive those who have offended us.

Leader: Companions who have forsaken us without cause and poisoned the hearts of others with hatefulness.

Response: O God, forgive those who have offended us.

Leader: Bullies who have bruised us in flesh and spirit.

Response: O God, forgive those who have offended us.

Leader: The enemies of our nation and our religion.

Response: O God, forgive those who have offended us.

Leader: The thoughtless who have unconsciously hurt us and the indifferent who have ignored us.

Response: O God, we forgive all these who have wronged us and we ask thee to forgive them too. Help us to blot these offenses out of our memories.

A Unison Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, we ask thee, also, to forgive us our sins. As we have forgiven those who have hurt us, so we ask thee to forgive the hurt that we have caused others. Forgive us especially for the duties we have shirked and the good we have left undone. Forgive us for the unkind words we have spoken and the unworthy thoughts we have welcomed. Forgive the resentment we have felt at deserved rebuke, and forgive the excuses we have made for ourselves but have been unwilling to allow for others. We ask thee to honor the honesty of our sorrow for our sins. Amen."(4)

"Jesus made a statement which is even more dramatic than Paul's comment: 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother.....and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.' (Luke 14:26) In other words, loyalty to Christ and his cause ought to be stronger loyalty than that to family and parents. The word translated 'hate' goes back to the Aramic word meaning 'love less'. Matthew's version of the saying helps us see this. 'He who loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me....'(Matthew 10:37) This saying in its Biblical setting has wider application than to the parent-teenager situation, the principle it emphasizes can be applied to this situation. You have a God-given responsibility to grow toward Christian maturity. If certain attitudes toward your parents and certain patterns of relationship prevent growing up, then you need to change these attitudes and patterns."

"In most families these changes in relationships are taken in stride. There is some tension but growth takes place. Teen-agers and parents alike come to accept and appreciate more mature relationships. There are a few homes, however, where the relation between parents and teen-agers is so unwholesome that the teen-ager must either give in, and remain immature, or openly revolt. In these extreme cases the divine demand that persons grow up is such that revolt is preferred to submission."

COMMENT

(These excerpts emphasize and encourage widening of any gulf which may exist between parents and youths, or may promote or suggest the idea that a gulf exists when none actually does. If there is any merit in these teachings they should be directed to parents and not to youths.)

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".....We seem to feel that we cannot trust God with our personal lives; yet we continue to scheme to 'get to the top'. 'God helps those who help themselves' we say; but this may be just the opposite of the truth." (1)

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"We cannot trust God in international affairs it seems. We are lost we think unless we have more atom bombs, and longer range guns, and more soldiers than anybody else in the world. Actually this is the thing that makes everybody afraid of us and brings the threat of war nearer." (1)

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"We live in stirring days. Choices made today may determine your own future, and the future of our nation and the world. Will we have a secure economic order, or some rich and many very, very poor?" (1)

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"Nations as well as individuals have to face the consequences of their sins. If a nation is far more interested in getting rich than it is in the fact that people are suffering all over the world; if a nation supports policies of discrimination which deny the aspirations for freedom that people have; if it treats other people as inferior and boasts of its own achievements; if it exploits the natural resources of the world, paying low wages and getting rich at other people's expense, then it has only itself to blame if it loses the friendship of the peoples of the world."

"The troubles that come to us nationally are the direct result of our national wrongdoing, just as the troubles that come to us individually are often the result of our personal wrongdoing. It is in this sense that the prophets said that God judges and punishes people."

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"When we honestly try to obey God as we understand him, there is hope that our society will grow toward security and stability. No

society without religion has ever endured for very long. Nations must have SPIRITUAL defenses. So often we tend to think of defense only in terms of the ability to annihilate other peoples." (1)

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"ONE OF THE BEST DEFENSES OF A NATION IS FRIENDS" We do not make friends by trying to force others to be military allies and refusing to help them unless they are. But we could build friendship by sympathizing with the problems of other peoples and helping them. Lifting the economic level of the world's poor makes friends." (1)

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"First we must recognize when we start looking for God's hand in world history, that God cares absolutely nothing about national pride. It makes no difference to him that our pride is humiliated by Russian prowess. It is not a foregone conclusion in God's mind that we are always right."

"The Hebrews were God's chosen people, but that did not mean they always got their way, or that God invariably favored them. God's purposes go very much deeper than any nationalistic ends."

"If we want to think God's thoughts after him in regard to human affairs, then we may have to think in other than conventionally 'patriotic' terms." We may have to probe deeper to find God's purposes in terms of basic human welfare, in terms of the aspirations of hitherto oppressed peoples, in terms of the little peoples instead of the big ones, and of peace rather than the arts of war. "

"GOD IS CONCERNED ENOUGH ABOUT HUMAN AFFAIRS TO BE ABLE TO WAIT. He does not save us from the consequences of our wrongdoing. He does not force his way upon us, but he expects us, finally, to learn."

"When we see our country going blindly down the road to mass preparation for war, blustering and threatening on the assumption that if we make ourselves sound terrible enough, everybody will get out of our way, we want to cry out, 'Stop, stop!' Don't you see what you are doing? Don't you see that by making everybody afraid of you you make everybody hate you? Some day we may have to make good these threats. "O God", we want to cry out 'save us from ourselves!' But God doesn't. We have to make our own mistakes and learn our own lessons. Having put all our eggs in the military basket, the time will come when we shall have to take some of them out again, and recognize the importance of such things as economic aid."

".....As long as the way of selfishness guides our political thinking God lets us do so."

"Therefore, because we are Christian young people, let us dare to think and act differently in regard to world affairs from those who think in purely pagan terms. God cannot have his better world unless there those who are willing to put themselves into his hands, to think differently and live differently, FOR HIM." (1)

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".....Some of us Americans are so proud of ourselves that we won't trust many other nations in the world. And we may find ourselves out on a limb some day because of it." (2)

(COMMENT

(All of these statements and insinuations are false and grossly treasonable. No nation in the world is more desirous of peace and world disarmament, nor has been more generous in giving economic aid to underprivileged nations than has the United States of America.)

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"Finally, there is the question of fellowship. We know the fellowship of common interest in our school's athletic prowess, or in rapture over a popular movie star. But suppose we were really gripped by the character, ideals, and purposes of Jesus and our M Y F set out to make a contribution to the coming of Jesus' spirit into our community life. Suppose it did come to seem to us a matter of life or death that in some area of our community life, where the principles of Jesus do not reign, they should begin to reign."

"To a Christian group which would embark on such an adventure, there would come a fellowship that would be deeper than any fellowship of our lives. Beside this your concern for football or the gang's hangout would seem insipid. Sharing in a flaming Christian crusade is an unforgettable experience of close fellowship."

"This also is true. The church will only achieve the consciousness that God is working through it--not hovering on the outskirts of it-- when it becomes a committed Christian fellowship. It must take positive Christian positions on the major issues of the day. It must be convinced that there is a way of Christ for America, and must dedicate itself to discovering that way. When Christ is alive in our midst we have power. When we disregard him we are powerless." (1)

"What do I do when my standards come in conflict with what others expect me to do? When my government asks me to prepare to die?" (3)

"It is difficult to say or do what you feel you must when you know that others will disagree with you, or that dire consequences may result. That's the job which devoted Christians have today. Sometimes the modern minister must play the part of the prophet."(2)

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".....It suggests a sort of all-out, radically different way of living, Rod, to which none of us measures up. No longer is it enough to sit in class and decide what is right or wrong and leave the matter there. No longer can the church preach about(or teach about) injustice to our fellow men and do nothing about the injustices. Decisions and discussions mean nothing unless we move out as a group, or as individuals dedicated to doing God's will."(2)

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"...Dear Rod:

".....Now, as you are beginning to hammer out your thinking in your group..... I will conclude my long letters with this one."

From Aunt Judy." (2)

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"Dear Aunt Judy:

"Last Sunday all the members of our class sat together for communion at church. Then on Monday every last one of us withdrew from a school social club that had excluded foreigners, Jews and Negroes. We are going to organize another one that doesn't exclude anyone because of race or creed. For you see our church is not exclusive nor is our church school class. Several of the guys have withdrawn their application for a camp that had the reputation for accepting only the 'right guys! They are applying for our church camp."

From Rod." (2)

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"If you are a girl you have more curves, your hips and breasts have developed, your shoulders are broader, you are conscious of more hair on your body, and perhaps there is a little down on your upper lip. Your facial features are larger and more adultish. In overaall appearance you look more like a woman. You look more feminine than you did as a child."

"But there are changes that have come about during the teen years that you don't notice in a photograph. You have probably cut your wisdom teeth. If you are a girl, your voice has probably taken a deep-

er tone, and you likely have started menstruating. If you are a boy, your voice has become masculine, and you probably have had nocturnal emissions(in your sleep when you have discharged semen)." (3)

COMMENT

(This excerpt is not sex instruction since it is assumed the youths already are aware of the knowledge presented. If sex instruction has a place in church literature it should be in adult literature instructing the parents in correct ways of teaching the child. The National Council of Churches is weakening home ties by advocating the usurpation of prerogatives of the home and demanding too much of the youths' time which is needed in the home for good parent-child relationships. There are exceptions(and these cases should be treated individually) but most homes supply these relationships.

Churches should cherish, help preserve, and build family ties--not weaken them.)

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".....I've started reading about Solomon(and his many wives!!). No wonder they called him wise. Heh, Heh, that's a joke." (2)

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"A church youth group spent several weeks of research and discussion on this question, 'How does the Bible help us discover what is right and what is wrong to do?'"

"The chief conclusion of the group was that the Bible emphasizes moral conduct based on a point of view about life, rather than a set of specific do's and don'ts. The point of view includes the belief that this is God's world and that he is working in it toward certain divine purposes. Anything the individual does that contributes to these divine purposes is morally right, and anything he does that interferes with these purposes is morally wrong. These young people worked out this statement to summarize their thinking: (COMMENT: the end justifies the means.)

"There are at least two things that have eternal value--personality and fellowship between persons. Anything I do that helps personality--my own and others'--become better and more Christian, is right, and anything I do that strengthens Christian fellowship between persons including fellowship with God, is good; and anything I do that weakens fellowship is evil."

"The group also worked out some questions to help them apply these basic principles to specific situations like those reported earlier in this chapter. They felt it might help a young person come to a decision about the rightness or wrongness of a given act if he asked the following questions:

Will doing this help me become a better person, or will it interfere with my becoming a better person?

Will doing this help the other person or persons involved become a better person or persons? Will it interfere?

Will doing this help people I may not know, but who will be indirectly affected by this act become better persons? Will it interfere?

Will doing this help forward God's purpose in the world? Will it work against God's purpose?

Will doing this improve my relationships with other persons? Will it worsen my relationships?

Will doing this strengthen my sense of God's presence and my feeling of fellowship with God?

"This approach to deciding right and wrong conduct is a long way from the rigid set of rules some people try to find in the Bible. In the Old Testament there are some important conduct codes. The Ten Commandments is one of these, that at first glance, look like a set of specific do's and don'ts. When you look more closely you discover they are statements of universal principles phrased to make it easy to apply the principles to the demands of life in a given culture." ③

COMMENT

(The Ten Commandments are fundamental moral truths which never change with time or place, nor should they be reinterpreted by faddist sociologists.)

(1) Lessons for Intermediates, Oct., Nov., Dec., 1958
Vol. 17, No. 4, Methodist Publishing Co.
201 Eighth Ave. So., Nashville 3, Tenn.

(2) How God Works, Vol. 9, Part 4, Bethany Youth Books, Christian Board of Publication, Series Two, St. Louis, Missouri

(3) Choose Life, by Robt. Powell (book planned for individual reading by youth readers) Methodist Publishing Co.
201 Eighth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.

(4) Roundtable, Vol. 8, No. 2, Dec. 1958, Methodist Publishing Co. 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville 3, Tenn.

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1 C. Simpson

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February 27, 1959

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 18, 1959, with its enclosure, has been received and the motive which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In the event you obtain additional data which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Charlotte Office located at 1700 Johnston Building, Charlotte 2, North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Charlotte (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, Charlotte

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Enclosed with her letter was a ten-page document allegedly containing excerpts from literature issued by the National Council of Churches with various comments tending

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to establish that the literature of this church group seeks to destroy respect of children for their parents, seeks to destroy national pride and patriotism, contains propaganda for disarmament and contains propaganda for radical socialist integration. The document does not identify the organization or individual responsible for its preparation.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she has watched youth groups develop and is convinced an extremely sinister thing is being spawned in this country. She thinks the cleverness and thoroughness of the conspiracy is alarming and asks, "Did we learn nothing from the Nazi youth movements?" She requests that the enclosures to her letter be carefully read.

The above noted inquiry appears to be more in the nature of an observation on the part of the correspondent rather than a question to which she expects a reply from the Bureau.

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February 20, 1959.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A few years ago, when the Committee For a Million was circulating petitions for the signatures of citizens, who wished to protest against the possible recognition of Communist China, and its admission to the United Nations, I secured one hundred signatures.

Recently I was shocked when I read the enclosed article. I have heard occasionally that Communists in this country were trying to work their way into the churches.

A friend lent me a clipping from The Portland, Maine, Sunday Telegram of Jan. 18. A reporter gave an account of an interview

with Dr. Hsu and wife of Ellsworth, Maine, and it opened my eyes. I hope you may be interested to obtain a copy of the paper and read it.

Very truly yours

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Cleveland Conference Asks U. S. to Move Toward Recognition of Communist China

MORE than 600 clergymen and lay church members, organized as the Fifth World Order Study Conference, met in Cleveland, Ohio, November 18, and three days later landed in the headlines of the press of the nation by advocating unanimously that the government of the United States reconsider its China policy and take steps "toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the UN and for its recognition by our government."

The conference convened at the call

of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches, but members emphasized that the group spoke for itself alone and not for the council. Press releases, however, went out on National Council of Churches stationery, and editors across the nation were understandably confused.

A strongly-worded message containing the China recommendation was written by the conference and unanimously adopted after several attempts at amendment failed. It will be submitted to the



Greeting Secretary of State
are Pres. Edwin T. Dahlberg

council's constituent denounce
to its policy-making general
further study.

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Protestant leaders appear
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erick Brown Harris that the
conference had "trotted
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BECAUSE of the Chinese
recommendations of the conference
largely overlooked. The Chinese
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As the Editor Sees It

The Cart Before the Horse?

A CONFERENCE at Cleveland of 600 churchmen (see story page 5) has urged unanimously that "steps should be taken toward the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the UN and for its recognition by our government."

To us this appears to be putting the cart before the horse in the interests of an expedient internationalism. The prior questions, for which no convincing answers have yet been given the American people, are these:

(1) Is *de facto* control of territory the principle requisite for the recognition of a government (as the British have long contended), or is the manner of coming to power and the subsequent use of this power also a concern of the recognizing nation?

(2) Is responsible conduct in the family of nations a requisite for admission to the United Nations, or can a nation which is currently firing its guns (the Formosa Straits) and which still stands in unrepentant defiance (the Korean invasion) of the United Nations be admitted simply on the strength of its size and the size of its friends?

(3) Why should the China situation be resolved as a special case apart from other *de facto* governments which are not recognized by the U.S. (East Germany, for instance) or seated in the United Nations while other less noisy but more law abiding governments stand outside in the cold and wait?

The conference—which met at the call of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches—did not speak for the council or its constituent denominations, but individuals representing denominations appeared ready to answer the above questions in the light of a specific situation relating to the People's Republic of China. We believe that the questions ought to be answered on their own merits first, and the China problem dealt with in sequence in the light of their ultimate resolution.

We can stand a great deal more American diplomacy based on consistent principle and a lot less fashioned out of emotional expediency.

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February 20, 1959.

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Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 20, 1959, with its enclosures, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In the event you obtain any additional data which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office located at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Boston (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, Boston

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent or the "Committee for a Million" mentioned in her letter.

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Enclosed with correspondent's letter were two newspaper clippings from an unidentified newspaper but possibly clipped from some Sunday magazine supplement. One clipping is entitled "Cleveland Conference Asks U. S. to Move Toward Recognition of Communist China" and refers to a convention in Cleveland called by the National Council of Churches which advocated that the United States reconsider its Chinese policy and take steps to recognize China and to admit it to the United Nations. The other clipping was an editorial captioned "The Cart Before the Horse?" and pertained to the same subject matter.

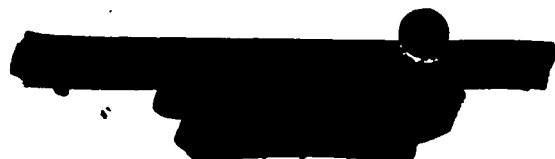
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This data is furnished for your information only.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises a few years ago she assisted in circulating a petition for the "Committee for a Millinn" which protested the possible recognition of China. She is now shocked to read that the National Council of Churches has advocated recognition of China and its admission into the United Nations. She calls this matter to the attention of the Bureau but makes no request for information from the Bureau.

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March 3, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish in part to apologize for writing you. I know that there is much that occupies your mind and time; however, I find that it has become necessary for me to obtain some information if such is available.

The information I seek concerns itself only with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. I believe this to be the correct name.

First, I would like to know if any of the following hold offices in the National Council of Churches:

Oxnam, Sockman, Adams, Barnes, Bowie, Boyd, Cavert, Dahlberg, Darsie, Douglas, Harrison, Johnson, Landis, Nese, Weigle, Taft, Flemming, Horton, Holt, and Dun. Unfortunately I do not have any of the first names or initials of the foregoing.

Second, I should like to know if your department considers the National Council of Churches of Christ as Communistic - or if you consider any of its various departments as Communistic.

Third, I should like to know if your department considers any of the foregoing men mentioned as members of the Communist party?

Fourth, I should like to know if any of the following organizations are considered as Communistic:

The Julius Rosenwald Fund, the Arbuckle-Jameson Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Lewis J. and Mary E. Horowitz Foundation, Inc., The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc., The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc., the Bulova Foundation for the Department of Race Relations, the Adeline and Carl Loeb Foundation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, the Gastonia-Jewish Welfare Fund.

The questions arise from a book "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy, The Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois. The first three question come from chapter 5, and the fourth comes from chapter 4 pages 40 and 41.

If the information requested is available to the public I should very much desire it. I wish to thank you for your time and trouble in this matter.

Yours in Christ,



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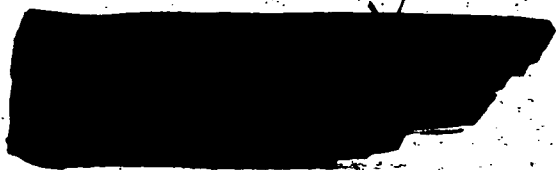
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March 12, 1959

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 3, 1959, containing your inquiries regarding the National Council of Churches of Christ in America and officers of that organization.

While I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations or clearances of individuals, publications or organizations. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the groups and individuals you named; therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. I do hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have received ~~numbered~~ inquiries of a similar nature relating to the National Council of Churches and some of the members he named, and they have been given a reply similar to this one. We know Edgar C. Bundy as a violent anticommunist writer who is extreme in his comments and takes considerable literary license in his remarks regarding persons he believes to be communists.

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March 14, 1959

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Director

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincerest thanks for the frankness and clarity of your statement made in the F.B.I.'s Law Enforcement Bulletin, on "Delinquent Parents", reported in our local newspaper.

The purpose of my writing is to get as complete a report on the history and activities of the National Council of Christian Churches as possible.

1. Was the Federal Council of Churches ever considered a "Communist Front?"
2. Who were the men then, or, and, who are they now if any, who have totalitarian or theologically and philosophically naturalistic views?
3. What are factual findings on the National Council of Churches?
4. What is your personal conviction, please?

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I am raising these questions out of personal concern

and considerable public interest.

Thank you most kindly for your information.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 14, 1959, has been received, and the motive which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am indeed grateful for your kind comments concerning my article in the March, 1959, issue of the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin."

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Oklahoma City (enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, Oklahoma City

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① Bufiles contain some derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches later incorporated into the National Council of Churches of Christ in America; however, much of this information came from rival church groups. Inquiry limited to contacts with informants in New York City in 1950 revealed no information indicating any communist or subversive influence on the part of any persons affiliated with this group. The Bureau receives numerous inquiries from correspondents inquiring whether this organization is communistic. (100-50869)

The above is furnished for your information only.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent expresses his thanks for the Director's frank statement in the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin" on "Delinquent Parents," reported in his local newspaper (He has reference to the Director's editorial in the March, 1959, issue of the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin"). He requested to be advised if the Federal Council of Churches was ever considered a communist front, the identity of the men in the organization who have totalitarian views, the "factual findings" on the National Council of Churches and information as to the Director's "personal convictions."

Due to the numerous similar requests concerning the National Council of Churches and the fact it is becoming a rather controversial organization among church groups, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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March 16, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There has been a stream of slanderous material coming to my attention charging the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. with communistic tendencies, etc. Since many of our churches are involved in co-operative work through the National Council of Churches, I wonder if you could give me the result of your findings in this area:

1. Is the leadership of the National Council of Churches under suspicion by your department, either as a whole or as individuals?
2. Have the investigations concerning Communism and the Communist Party and its members revealed affiliations with such on the part of the leaders of the National Council?

While there is a delicate shading of church and state relationship involved here, however, the findings of your office, either in favor of or against the above mentioned matters, would be of help to me and the leaders of our congregation in the future.

We have no desire to be affiliated with any organization affiliated with the Communist Party. On the other hand, we do not propose to be victims of a smear campaign, which would do tremendous damage to innocent parties. We need to know the truth in the matter and I believe that you have at your disposal some facts that we ought to know.

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With every good wish, I remain

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1 Mr. Simpson

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March 23, 1959

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 16, 1959, has been received, and the motive which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Jacksonville (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, Jacksonville

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The above is furnished for your information only.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has received considerable material charging the National Council of Churches with communist tendencies. He inquires whether the leadership of the organization is under suspicion by the FBI and whether our investigations have revealed any communist affiliation on the part of the leaders of the organization.

Due to the numerous similar requests regarding the National Council of Churches and the fact that it is becoming a rather controversial organization among church groups, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Federal Council of Churches

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Churches all over our United States
have joined the ~~Inter~~ Federal Council.
We will be glad to hear from
you. I am to report in a meeting
later this month. Thank you.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Dear sir:

Since
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our Church, interested in the World Day of
Prayer, May Fellowship Day and such.

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the offering is sent away. I think
to New York.

My problem in this is we have
heard their is Communism in the
Federal Council of Churches
I believe this is the only way
from this organization.

If this is true let us
know as we don't want to put one
cent on the hands of Communism.

If the Federal Council of Churches
is of Communism, there must be
some change made in many

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 7, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any organization, publication or individual. Furnishing data of the type you desire would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the group in question, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. No inference, of course, should be drawn either that we do or that we do not have information in our files pertaining to the subject of your communication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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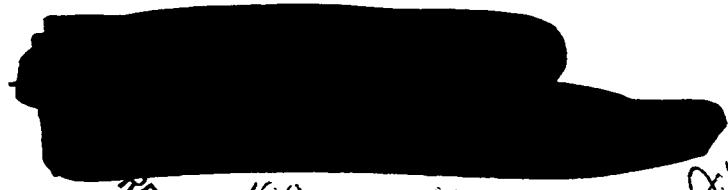
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National Council
of Churches

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Church of the Brethren which is a member of the National Council of Churches. I would like to know if at any time the national council officials or head members have sided with or helped any Communist members or nations, or have done anything shady that might look like they might have. This problem has been coming on my mind for some time. I would appreciate an answer.

Thank you



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 24, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any organization, publication or individual. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the group in question, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or that we do not have information in our files along the lines you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Because of the great dissension concerning the National Council of Churches, above acknowledgment has been forwarded in the past in response to similar inquiries. Spelling of last name verified by telephone directory check.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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There has been quite a little comment in the daily papers and
the magazines regarding the stand taken several months ago by the
National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. with reference to Red China.

At the time it was stated that the National Council of Churches represented
39,000,000 Protestants, and the Council was in favor of admitting Red China to
the United Nations.

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I happen to be a protestant and a member of the [REDACTED] Presbyterian
Church of this city. At this time and for the past 36 years I have been a
member of the Session, which is the governing body of our church. Our Church along
with many others contribute each year to the support of the National Council of
Churches of Christ in U S A.

In the minds of many of us there are doubts regarding this organization and
we are wondering if the National Council of Churches of Christ In USA is in any way
tainted with communism or if it has shown sympathies in that direction. If so, the
least we could do would be to withdraw our support.

Believing that you have all of the facts pertaining to the National Council of
Churches of Christ in USA, if you could see your way clear to do so, we would
appreciate your advising if this organization is regarded by you; (1) as Communistic,
(2) associated with organizations that are known to be communistic, or (3) has
this organization on its working or advisory staff men and or women who are
recognized or suspected as communists. Information of any kind that you might give
to us us, will be appreciated.

Our country is now at the cross-roads and it behooves every patriotic
American to stand up and be counted.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 6, 1959, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any organization, publication or individual. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the group you named, and I cannot be of help to you. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 18, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

In a recent letter, which you duly answered, I inquired concerning the National Council of Churches.

From your letter I realized that I had raised my questions in a way that made it impossible for you to answer, especially when I asked your opinion.

Please permit me to re-phrase my question and I will deeply appreciate your answer. "Has the Federal Council or any one of it's members, or the National Council and any of it's present members ever been publicly indicted, and, or, convicted of subversive activities?"

Hoping to hear from you,

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I am sincerely yours,

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 18, 1959, has been received.

While I fully appreciate your interest as well as your consideration in rephrasing your question, I am, nevertheless, precluded from responding. As you were informed in my letter of March 23, 1959, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation promulgated by the Department of Justice. I sincerely regret, therefore, that I am unable to be of service by providing the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Oklahoma City (enclosure)

ATTENTION: OKLAHOMA CITY

Enclosed is one copy of correspondent's communication. You are referred to Bulet to [Redacted] dated March 23, 1959, a copy of which was designated for your office.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent's letter 3-14-59 requested to be advised if the National Council of Churches was ever considered a communist front, the identity of the men in the organization who have totalitarian views, the "factual findings" on the organization and information as to the Director's "personal convictions." Bulet 3-23-59 advised him the Bureau could not evaluate or comment upon the integrity or character of any individual, organization or publication and information in the files of the FBI is confidential.

Correspondent now writes that he realizes his first letter has raised questions in a way which made it impossible for the Bureau to answer. He now requests to be advised whether the Federal Council of Churches or any one of its members, or the National Council of Churches and any of its present members have ever been publicly indicted or convicted of subversive activities.

The Federal Council of Churches was later incorporated into the National Council of Churches. In recent years we have received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the group, and the organization has become an extremely controversial matter among various church groups. We have not investigated this organization; however, we did make some inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 which did not reveal any communist or subversive influences on the part of persons affiliated with the organization at that time.

Due to the extremely broad nature of correspondent's inquiries and the controversial nature of the National Council of Churches, it is believed desirable to reiterate the confidential nature of Bufiles.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 5/29/59

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 7, 1959

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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In scanning the Congressional Record for Wednesday, May 6, 1959, the following item contained therein pertaining to the FBI has been marked for your attention.

Pages 6798-6801, Congressman Williams, (D) Mississippi, pointed out that "Circuit Riders, Inc., has performed a great public service by analyzing the left-wing front affiliations of those in attendance at the Fifth World Order Study Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, November 18-21, 1958, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America." Mr. Williams went on to state "Because many innocent persons are quite often taken in by organizations with high-sounding labels and purportedly lofty purposes, I think it appropriate to incorporate in the Record the Circuit Riders' analysis of the aforementioned group. Perhaps it will serve to enlighten Americans to the true purpose of organizations such as the one discussed therein." It is stated in this analysis "Among the thousands of Protestant clergymen who have joined or otherwise supported the long list of Communist peace fronts during the past 40 years, one name stands out above all the others; namely, A. J. Muste. - - - Two years ago, A. J. Muste got up a delegation for the purpose of observing the procedures of the Communist Party's 16th national convention, February 9-12, 1957. The press was barred from the deliberations of the leading Communists, but Muste and his fellow observers were cordially welcomed. - - - The work of the Muste delegation drew the following comment from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover: 'The Communists boasted of having impartial observers cover the convention. However, most of these so-called impartial observers were handpicked before the convention started and were reportedly headed by A. J. Muste, who has long fronted for Communists. Muste's report on the convention was biased and distorted.'" Page 6800

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- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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May 16th, 1959.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In the course of the last few months controversies have
come up in our church group. I have become completely confused and
believe a few answers from you will help direct my thinking and
actions in ways which will tend to preserve our beloved American
way of life.

We, me and my family, are followers of the Congregational
Church; my husband is a veteran of world war I; we are long time
members of the American Legion and Auxiliary; have worked in local
groups, such as Girl scouts, Boy scouts and Parent Teacher Association;
our daughter is a government employee in Washington and our son is just
completing a four enlistment in the United States Navy. We all love
our present American form of government and are ready to defend it
against anything or anyone trying to exchange our way of life for
communism.

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We, of our church, are without a minister just now, and in
the process of getting a new one. We have been getting literature
through the church office, advising us to stop supporting the National
Council of Churches which it is claimed sprung up after the Federal
Council of Churches ended December 1, 1950, and the former is endeavoring
to undermine our American way of life we so much enjoy.

Our literature mentioned above is coming from the American
Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, New York, 38, N. Y.; the
Christian Beacon, published in Collingswood, N. J.; The Tacoma Bible
Presbyterian Church, Division Avenue & So. 9 Street, Tacoma 3, Washington,
and The Wiring Line, published by the American Legion Committee.

I have been receiving and reading regularly 'Social Action', the
United Church Herald and ~~Community~~ Community all of which are published
by United Church of Christ, which is the outcome of a merger of the
Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and ~~Methodist~~
Churches. I have just returned from a Conference of ~~the~~ Congregational

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Churches held in Glendale, Montana, from May 11 to 14. In these publications and at this conference, it seems to me, our attention is continually directed along the lines of the program recommended by the National Council of Churches. Our main speaker at the Conference was Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Secy. World Council of Churches, retired.

I cannot go along with their recommendation of recognizing red China, and disposition of the problems of the Jewish people, as well as other political issues which I believe are out of line for church work. There are many other people in our church who are looking for answers to the same questions that I am. Our people in this Livingston church are in danger of becoming divided.

Can you advise what course to follow that will be most effective in preserving our precious American heritage? Is the American Council of Christian Churches a dependable source of information, and the American Legion publication?

sincerely yours,

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- Mr. Simpson

100-50869-

May 27, 1959

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 16, 1959, has been received, and the motive which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to furnish you information concerning the organizations you mentioned.

I would also like to advise that I do not believe it would be proper for me as Director of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency, to recommend a course of action to be followed by members of your church.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, BUTTE

Enclosed for your information is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The American Council of Churches has not been investigated by the Bureau. Bufiles reveal that we have had cordial relations with this organization in the past and considerable correspondence of a cordial nature with its various officers. (94-37557)

Bufiles reveal certain derogatory information concerning the Federal Council of Churches, later incorporated into the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. However, much of the information came from rival church groups. Investigation limited to contacts with informants in New York City in 1950 revealed no information indicating any communist or subversive influence on the part of any persons affiliated with the group. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that her church is in the process of getting a new minister. They have been receiving literature which criticizes the National Council of Churches for undermining the American way of life. Much of this literature is coming from the American Council of Churches, other church organizations and the American Legion publication, the "Firing Line." She and other members of the church are confused and are looking to the Bureau for assistance. She requests to be advised of the course to follow that will be most effective in preserving our American heritage. She also inquires whether the American Council of Churches and the American Legion publication are dependable sources of information.

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June 3, 1959.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir:

I don't know whether you give out information to private citizens or not but I would like this cleared up for me.

In Apr. "The Church Woman", I noticed and read sermon by Edmund T. Dahlberg.

Previously I had seen in another magazine where he was quite a supporter of Harry Bridges. (against him being deported) also three other top Communist leaders in U.S.A.

I can't recall their names for when I wrote into the "Church Woman" enclosed clipping and they did not return it.

I am enclosing letter I received from them also the one from National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A.

I would also like to know if the C. C. of C. C. is a Communist Organization.

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I would also like to know about Karl Barth, [redacted] Langford and Paul [redacted]

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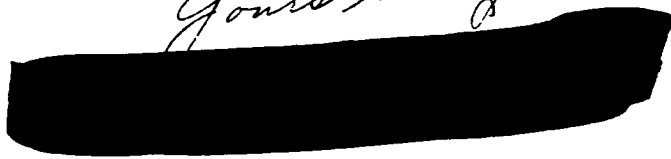
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Crossroads (a Presbyterian Sunday School Lesson Leaf) for study instead of a lesson to be studied from the Bible. I have seen their names connected with Communist activities. I am a Sunday School teacher for an adult class and I have refused to teach from these sermons until I have the truth about this so I would appreciate it very much if you would clear me up on these men.

Thank you so much.

Yours truly

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Enclosure
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June 11, 1959

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 3, 1959, with enclosures, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization or publication. Furnishing data of the type you desire would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the persons and group you named, and I am unable to help you. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have in our files the specific information you desire. Your enclosures are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Self-addressed envelope (too small to utilize)
- Clipping entitled "The Churches and the National Conscience" by Edwin T. Dahlberg from "The Church Woman" April, 1959.
- Letter to correspondent dated 4-10-59 from "The Church Woman"
- Letter to [Redacted] dated 4-22-59 from the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

NOTE: Numerous citizen inquiries are received relative to persons affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches and replies similar to above have been given in the past.

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SAC, Legal Attache, Tokyo (105-1021)

June 17, 1959

Director, FBI (100-50869)

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REGISTERED MAIL

Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 5/29/59.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

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June 17, 1959

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June 11, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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and I am writing to you for some advice if it is permissible for you to give it to me.

During the past couple of months the members of the official board of First Christian have been receiving literature, from the Circuit Riders of Cincinnati, Ohio, with information claiming that the National Council of the Churches of Christ is a communist front organization.

Now, the problem is this - we support the National Council of Churches and since this information has been circulated it is causing quite a discussion among our members and could result in a division among us. If the National Council is subversive I think our people should know it; if it is not, what is the purpose and motive of the Circuit Riders? According to the National Council they are not subversive. How am I to know who and what to believe? Where can I go to get the most authoritative information?

If you can help me I would appreciate it.

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Sincerely

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1 - Mr. Simpson

June 18, 1959

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 11, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the organizations you mentioned.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am also unable to suggest with whom you may correspond to secure the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Houston (SEE NOTE TO BOSTON, PAGE TWO)

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ATTENTION: SAC. HOUSTON

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She states that during the past several months, the church has received literature from Circuit Riders, Cincinnati, Ohio, alleging that the National Council of Churches (NCC) is a communist front. This information is causing discussions among the church members and correspondent feels that if the NCC is subversive, the church members should know it and, if not, she inquires as to the purpose and motive of Circuit Riders. She states the NCC claims it is not subversive and, therefore, how is she to know whom and what to believe. She inquires where she can get the most authoritative information.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Circuit Riders is an organization of laymen in the Methodist Church whose objective is to combat communism in the Methodist Church. Its executive director is M. G. Lowman with whom the Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations for several years. (62-99405)

In recent years the Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the NCC and the organization has become an extremely controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the organization; however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 which did not reveal any communist or subversive influences on the part of persons affiliated with the organization at that time. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Due to numerous similar inquiries received concerning the NCC and the fact it is becoming a controversial organization among church groups, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 6/30/59

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

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SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF
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June 21, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me what information you may have on the status of an organization known as, The National Council of Churches of Christ U.S.A. This organization was formally known as, The Federal Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. It has been headed by a Baptist preacher, Dahlberg.

Do you have a list of the subversive organizations in our country?

I would appreciate any information you may have in regard to these persons.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 24, 1959, has been received.

For your information, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named; therefore, I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not infer in this connection either that the files of the FBI do or do not contain the information you desire.

If you would like to secure a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Numerous citizen inquiries have been received concerning the National and Federal Councils of Churches of Christ, and above reply has been forwarded in the past.

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

July 21, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
4936 30th Place
Washington, D. C.

Re: National Council of Churches
and its principal leaders

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The official board of our church has moved to investigate and obtain accurate information regarding the character of the National Council of Churches and its leaders. Please supply us with information you have regarding this organization and the people who are presently directing its affairs. We are much concerned about the questionable activities of both the organization and its leaders. A statement of opinion from you would be much valued.

Also we would like to know the character and classification of Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, which is the source of some disturbing information, obtained by one of our members, contained in their books known as Recognize Red China? and A Compilation of Public Records 2109 Methodist Ministers.

Please furnish us with your bulletins which list and qualify organizations and activities as to their character. We will pay for these, of course, if required.

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Yours very truly,

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Investigating Committee

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July 30, 1959

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 21, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any individual, organization, or publication. Furnishing data of the type you desire would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the groups you named; therefore, I am unable to answer your inquiries. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have in our files the specific information you desire.

If you would like to secure a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BUREAU NOTE (CONTINUED)

b7c [REDACTED] and no record on the [REDACTED] Files reflect that the Circuit Riders is an organization of laymen from the Methodist Church whose objective is to combat communism in the church. The executive director is Mr. M. G. Lowman with whom the Bureau has enjoyed cordial relations for several years. (62-99405)

We have not investigated the National Council of Churches (NCC); however, inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 did not reveal any communistic or subversive influence at that time. (100-50869)

National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America



WASHINGTON OFFICE
122 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E.
WASHINGTON 2, D. C.

August 14, 1959

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Washington Office Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. is happy to place in your hands a new folder which we hope will help you in utilizing the liaison and information services made available by this Office.

In addition to our own Office Staff, you will note the listing of the Divisions, General Departments and Executives of the National Council with continuing interests in many aspects of the life and work of the U. S. Government.

Please call on us for any service we may be able to render, addressing your inquiries to our Director, Fred S. Buschmeyer, at the above address.

Cordially,

Arthur S. Flemming
Arthur S. Flemming
Chairman

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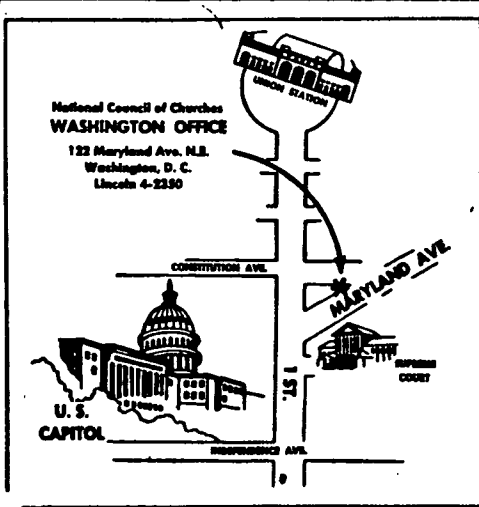
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Evangelical United Brethren Church

Friends

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Methodist

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Moravian

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Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in
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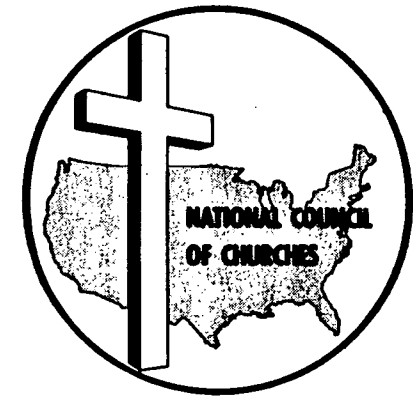
Reformed

Hungarian Reformed Church in America
Reformed Church in America

United Church of Christ

(General Council of Congregational Christian Churches;
Evangelical and Reformed Church)

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approximately 39,000,000 persons.*



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

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DATE: 8/24/59

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

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SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF
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[Redacted]
August 12, 1959

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I write to you not only as Chief of the F.B.I. but also as a fellow Presbyterian.

There has been quite a bit of discussion in our Church recently concerning the Nation Council of Churches. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., voted to remain in the Council, at least for another year.

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I have been told by reliable church people that it is true and by others, just as reliable, that it is not true.

Even though we have a small church, approx. 40 members, it has been a question raised time and again. The only reliable place I knew to seek this information was from you.

As a mother, Sunday School teacher, active W.O.C. member and just plain 100% American, I would appreciate any information concerning Communist organizations to beware of. Is there such a list available to the public?

A great many people think that because we are such a small community, approx. 120, we need have no fear of infiltration by any communists.

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 my church, [redacted]
 and in starting to make plans
 for 1960 I would like to bring
 a program on the dangers of Communism,
 to try to get the group to think
 about this National problem.

Can you help me?

May the Lord not cease to
 favour you with strength and
 courage and may it be His
 will that you have a long life
 ahead of you, for service to Him,
 and to your Nation.

Sincerely yours,

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100-50869-339

August 24, 1959

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Informant

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 15, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the organization you mentioned.

The FBI does not prepare or maintain lists of organizations such as you desire. The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, however, has prepared and released a pamphlet in which are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies. This pamphlet, entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," may be purchased for thirty-five cents per copy by communicating directly with the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and [Redacted] Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C.

It will not be possible for me to recommend or assist in the preparation of a program on the dangers of communism for presentation to your church group.

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however, enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Your kind personal remarks are indeed gratifying, and I trust that we in the FBI will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent requested to be advised if the National Council of Churches supports communist-backed organizations and where she can obtain a list of communist organizations. She also requested assistance in the preparation of a program on the dangers of communism to be presented to her church group. She closed her letter with a prayer that the Director may enjoy a long life for continued service to God and the nation.

The Bureau has conducted no active investigation of the National Council of Churches; however, inquiries limited to contacts with informants in New York City in 1950 failed to disclose any communist or subversive influences on the part of any persons affiliated with the council. The Bureau receives numerous inquiries from individuals whether the organization is communistic. (100-58869)

The enclosures to Bulet to the correspondent consist of the following publications:

1. "Communism in the U.S.A."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," April, 1959
3. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism And Preserve America"
4. "Statement of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI"

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NOTE TO SAN ANTONIO. CONTINUED

5. "God or Chaos?"
6. "Address of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI, Before the National Convention of the American Legion, Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19, 1957"
7. "God and Country or Communism?"

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[REDACTED]
August 12, 1959

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Sincerely yours,
b7c /s/ [REDACTED]

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September 14, 1959

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Can you tell me whether or not the "National Council of Churches" and/or the "World Council of Churches" have been the subject of any investigation by your bureau as to their relation to Communism?

I am not asking for any details which you might not be in position to give, but would just like to know whether or not this question has been raised in connection with either of these organizations.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter and would deeply appreciate it if you would turn the copy over to the Agency in Washington, whose address I do not have, charged with investigating any and all Unamerican activities, for their help in this matter.

Incidentally and to both of you, this inquiry has to do only with whether or not these agencies merit the support of the church of which I am a member, and has nothing whatever to do with any question other than that.

Also, tell me whether or not your records show this question having been raised about the "Federal Council of Churches", who superseded the National Council.

Cordially,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 14, 1959, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or clearances of any organization, publication or individual. Information in our files, furthermore, is confidential and available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiries.

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Enclosed is material which outlines the responsibilities of the FBI, together with some other publications of possible interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (8)

- Director's speech 6-16-59
- The Story of the FBI
- God and Country or Communism?
- Struggle on a New Plane
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Communist "New Look"
- Director's statement 3-26-47
- Services of the FBI

NOTE: Above reply has been given in the past in response to similar inquiries since the Bureau did make limited investigation concerning the group in question several years ago.

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
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Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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29 September 1959

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Alarmed by the recent allegations made against the National Council of Churches, the [Redacted] resolved to "Make a study of the National Council of Churches." In response to that resolution [Redacted] appointed a committee to accomplish this purpose.

As chairman of that committee I am writing to ask if you will confirm or deny the allegations of un-American tendencies in the National Council of Churches or in any of its directing officials.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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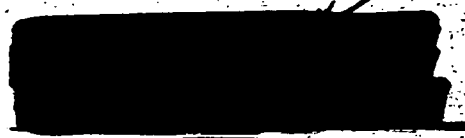
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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated September 29, 1959, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any publication, individual or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Norfolk (enclosure)
ATTENTION: SAC, NORFOLK

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In recent years the Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the National Council of Churches (NCC) and this organization has become an extremely controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the NCC; however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1940 and did not develop any indication of communist or subversive influences on the part of persons affiliated with the organization at that time.

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Correspondent advises that [REDACTED] (apparently of the Episcopalian Church) had appointed a committee to make a study of the NCC. As chairman of this committee, correspondent requests Bureau to confirm or deny "the allegations of un-American tendencies in the National Council of Churches or in any of its directing officials." Due to the numerous similar inquiries received concerning the NCC and the fact that it is becoming a controversial organization among church groups, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau. This reply is similar in nature to replies furnished to similar requests in the past.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: 10/19/59

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF
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Nov. 18, 1959

Dear Sirs;

We have been told that you have a list of known Communists in the churches and the National Council of Churches available to those who request it. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES wish to have this in-

formation if it is available. A May we commend you on both this undercover work and your information given concern- ing juvenile delinquency.

send to:

Sincerely yours,

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Nov. 18, 1959

Dear Sirs;

We have been told that you have a list of known communists in the churches and the National Council of Churches available to those who request it.

We wish to have this information if it is available.

May we commend you on both this undercover work and your information given concerning juvenile delinquency.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 18, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI has not prepared and released for distribution a list of the type you mentioned. For your information, data in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. It, therefore, is not within my authority to comply with your request.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I have noted your kind personal remarks and they are indeed gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, OMAHA

Correspondent advised she had been told that the Bureau has a list of known communists in the churches and the National Council of Churches (NCC) available to those who request it. She, therefore, requested such a list be furnished her if it is available. She also commended the Director "both on this undercover work and your information given concerning juvenile delinquency."

In recent years the Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the NCC and this organization has become a controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the NCC; however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 and did not develop any indication of communist or subversive influences on the part of persons affiliated with the organization at that time. (100-50869)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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Nov 30, 1959 ✓

THE F B I
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GENTLEMEN,

SOME FIFTEEN OR LESS YEARS AGO, THE DEPARTMENT WROTE A LETTER TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA, SIGNED BY MR HOOVER, SAYING THAT HE OR THE F B I HAD NEVER SAID OR WRITTEN ANYTHING THAT WOULD HAVE CAST A SHADOW OF SUBVERSIVENESS ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. THE BUREAU'S LETTER WAS IN ANSWER TO CERTAIN FANATICAL GROUPS WHICH HAD QUOTED MR HOOVER COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTEXT.

THESE FANATICAL GROUPS CONTINUE THEIR HARASSMENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, AND I HAVE QUOTED THE LETTER MENTIONED ABOVE MANY TIMES.

AS ONE WHO BELIEVES IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF MORE RECENT DATE IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY REASON FOR THE BUREAU TO CHANGE ITS STATEMENT THAT NEITHER IT NOR MR HOOVER HAS ANY REVEALABLE EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS COMMUNISM, HINT OF COMMUNISM OR OTHER SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S PROGRAM OR LEADING PERSONNEL.

THANKING YOU FOR THIS INFORMATION I REMAIN

YOURS SINCERELY

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[Redacted signature]

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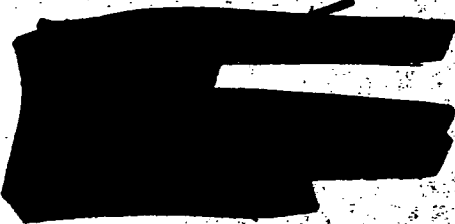
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December 8, 1959

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of November 30, 1959, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

The letter you mentioned is probably identical with my communication of February 3, 1951, which was published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America in their booklet entitled "Plain Facts about the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A." My letter referred to quotations taken out of context from my statement before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947, and I stated that neither on that occasion nor at any other time have I made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches. I am enclosing, for your information, a reprint of my remarks of March 26, 1947, before the above-mentioned Committee.

With regard to your request for an evaluation of the National Council of Churches and its officers, I must advise that the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing observations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any publication, individual or organization. I know you understand my position.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Tolson _____
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NOTE: There is no record in Bufiles concerning [REDACTED]. No active investigation has been conducted concerning the National Council of Churches; however, inquiries were made of informants in New York City in 1950 which did not disclose any communist or subversive influences on the part of persons affiliated with the Council. The Director's letter of 2-3-51, which is mentioned above, was directed to Mr. E. L. Repass of the Norfolk and Western Railway, Roanoke, Virginia, in answer to his letter of 1-26-51 which quoted the Director out of context. (100-50869-242, 191)

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December 8, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are young ministerial students at [REDACTED]

Having recently heard Rev. Billy James Hargis, of Christain Crusade, speak, we have become alarmed at the condition of our country and the way communism is taking over.

We would appreciate very much if you would send us facts on the following, the way that they pertain to Communism:

- (1) The National Council of Churches.
- (2) The Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- (3) The Supreme Court.
- (4) Television, has it helped our nation? Increased or decreased juvenile delinquency? Helped or lowered our educational system?

Please send us any other information that we as ministers should present to the people in this day.

Also, we would like to know if there are any communists in the Congregational Methodist Church, as that is our denomination.

We hope this will not inconvenience you, but we are concerned, and want to present the information you send us to our classes and our people. We will appreciate any information you can send us as to what WE can do to try to save our nation from Communism.

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December 18, 1959

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 9, 1959, also signed by [REDACTED] has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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While I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your requests. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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There are enclosed, however, several items of literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondents' communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
The Bureau has in recent years received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the National Council of Churches (NCC) and this organization has become an extremely controversial one among various church groups. We have not investigated the NCC, however, we did make inquiries of informants in New York City in 1950 and did not develop any indication of communist or subversive influence on the part of the persons affiliated with the organization at that time. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondents as enclosures to Bulet:

1. "Juvenile Delinquency." Reprint from the Syracuse Law Review, Spring, 1953.
2. "The Rectangular Screen and Delinquency."
3. "What Can We Do About 'Delinquency'?"
4. "Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "The American Ideal." Address of J. Edgar Hoover at Freedoms Foundation Annual Awards
7. "Communism and the College Student."
8. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," April, 1959.
9. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondents advised they are young ministerial students of the Congregational Methodist Church and after hearing Margis lecture, have become alarmed at the way communism is taking over. They request they be sent facts on the NCC, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the Supreme Court and television concerning the "way that they pertain to Communism." With respect to television, they inquire if it has increased or decreased juvenile delinquency and helped or lowered our educational system. They further request any information that they, as ministers, should present to the people and whether there are any communists in the Congregational Methodist Church.

In view of the extremely broad and very general nature of their requests, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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